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DECEMBER 31, 2011

by the Town of Francis

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roland Barnaby (Term expires 2013)
John Lachapelle (Term expires 2014)
Ted Hoyle (Term expires 2015)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sally L. Small (Appointed)

TREASURER

Tina D. Peabody (2013)

ROAD AGENT

Scott Leslie (Appointed)

AUDITOR

Crane & Bell (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF

Richard Gaudette (Appointed)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Marilyn L. Knowlton (2013)

MODERATOR

William L. Mead, Sr. (2014)

HEALTH OFFICER

William Demers (Appointed)

LIFE SQUAD CHIEF

Paul Schmucker (Appointed)

POLICE CHIEF

John K. Monaghan (Appointed)

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Richard McLachlin (2013)
William Downey (2014)
Marcia Graham (2015)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Barbara Belz (2013) | Harriet Taylor (2014) |
| Susan Jessen (2013) | Peter Ainsworth (2014) |
| Melinda Richmond (2014) | George Lewis, Chair (2015) |
| | Charles Lovett (2015) |

BOARD OF EDUCATION

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tom Eyman Franconia (2013)
Linda Gaitskill Sugar Hill (2013)
Mary Jo Greene Sugar Hill (2014)
Tina Peabody Franconia (2014)
Luther Kinney Sugar Hill (2015)

PROFILE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jim Colongeli Lafayette (2013)
Carol Cunningham Lafayette (2013)
Kim Shillieto Bethlehem (2013)
Christine Ash Bethlehem (2014)
Lynn Terres Lafayette (2014)
Steven Chardon Lafayette (2015)
Julie Seeley Bethlehem (2015)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Kathleen M. Nelson (2013)
Kathleen F. Lewis (2014)
Grace Montagno (2015)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Sybil Carey (2014)
Betsey Phillips (2015)
Marcia Graham (2016)

SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Ross, School Representative
Harriet Taylor, Library Representative
Tom Eyman, Church Representative

PLANNING BOARD

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| Roland Barnaby – Selectman | (2013) | Mary Grote | (2014) |
| Richard Reinhold | (2013) | Brian Williams | (2014) |
| Nanette Avril | (2013) | Mark Hessler – Chairman | (2015) |
| Lydia Cumbee | (2014) | | |

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| Melinda Richmond – Vice Chair | (2013) | Lydia Cumbee | (2014) |
| Mary Fowler | (2013) | Phil Krill | (2015) |
| Don Lawton – Chariman | (2014) | Ken Mosedale | (2015) |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Kathryn McCarthy | (2013) | Mary Grote – Planning Board | (2014) |
| William McCarthy | (2013) | John Lachapelle | (2014) |
| Kim Cowles – Chairman | (2014) | Virginia Jeffryies | (2014) |

RECREATION COMMITTEE

| Easton | Franconia | Sugar Hill |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Sue Ford | Adam Boyer | Gordie Johnk |
| Matt Koehler | Jeff Malcolm | Cindy McLaren |
| | Beth Horan | |

BALANCE SHEET
For the year ending December 31, 2012

ASSETS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Cash – NOW Account | | \$ 446,188.45 |
| Investments – NH-PDIP | | 1,053,894.95 |
| Taxes Receivable | | |
| Property Taxes – Current | \$253,008.77 | |
| Property Taxes – Liens | 197,078.34 | |
| Yield Taxes – Current | <u>753.54</u> | |
| | | 450,840.65 |
| Other Accounts Receivable | | |
| Franconia Water Department | 2,194.47 | |
| Town of Easton | 4,662.88 | |
| Village Water Project | <u>5,549.74</u> | 12,407.09 |
| Due from Other Funds | | |
| Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund | | 10,935.50 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | \$1,974,266.64 |

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Accounts Payable | | \$ 7,124.02 |
| Accrued Payroll Compensation | | 40,129.60 |
| Due to Other Funds | | |
| Dow Fund | 300.00 | |
| Town Buildings Maintenance Fund | 2,700.00 | |
| Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund 2011 | 35,186.12 | |
| Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund 2012 | 21,698.74 | |
| Land Use Fund 2011 | 592.50 | |
| Land Use Fund 2012 | <u>3,809.00</u> | 64,286.36 |
| Due to School Districts | | |
| Profile School District | 530,944.00 | |
| Lafayette Reg. School District | 675,349.00 | <u>1,206,293.00</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | \$1,317,832.98 |

FUND EQUITY

| | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| TOTAL FUND EQUITY | | <u>656,433.66</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY | | \$1,974,266.64 |

NOTES FROM THE SELECTMEN

We were faced with several challenges in 2012. After the retirement of our Police Chief in December, 2011, an eight member Police Department Review Panel was created. Their mission was to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen in several areas, including 1. Staffing, organizational structure, workload; 2. Workspace and vehicles; 3. Salaries and other expenses; and 4. The sharing of staff and resources across towns. Their recommendations were adopted in full in April, 2012 by your Selectmen.

We now have a fully staffed Police Department with years of experience and expertise and look forward to a long and active presence in our community.

In late November 2012, Sergeant Mark Taylor retired after twenty-eight years in law enforcement, twenty years of which were in Franconia. Mark has our thanks, appreciation, and respect not only for his years of service but also for facilitating a smooth transition for our new Police Staff, along with his dedication to our townspeople.

In January, 2012, Scott Leslie joined the Town workforce as Road Agent/Public Works Director in charge of the Highway and Town Buildings and Maintenance Departments.

Based on an Energy Audit conducted in 2011, and the recommendations of our Town Energy Commission, a Public Hearing was held in August, 2012 to address energy improvements at Town Hall, Highway Garage, and Safety Services Building. Included in the plan was new energy efficient heating for the Highway Garage and Safety Services building, underground oil tank removal, and insulation. The work was funded by the Town Buildings Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$26,290 and the Safety Services Building Fund in the amount of \$17,170. The projected annual energy savings is 28.1% with a payback in 7.5 years. These improvements also reduce our CO2 emissions by 23.89 metric tons annually.

In 2006, the CIP recommended that the Town develop a long-term strategic plan for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of our roads. This year, through the efforts of Mogens, Jessen and Scott Leslie, such a plan has been submitted as part of the CIP.

Finally, we would like to recognize all the time and efforts generously given by our volunteers. They have staffed committees, commissions, boards, panels, events, etc. By our estimate, the number of volunteers who support Franconia exceed one hundred along with countless hours of work.

Your contributions to our community are deeply appreciated and we thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
John Lachapelle
Rollie Barnaby
Ted Hoyle

FRANCONIA TOWN MEETING – MARCH 13, 2012

Moderator William Mead called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Moderator announced that the polls would temporarily close, to be reopened shortly before 8:00 p.m. to allow all those who had not voted to do so.

The Moderator recognized and thanked Rich McLeod for his 6-year's of service as Selectmen to the Town. The Moderator also instructed the people that voting would be done with green cards and that they would need to raise them when asked in order to vote on each article.

There was a motion and a second to waive the reading of last year's minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot)
Ballots Cast: 242

| | | |
|---|----------------------------|------------|
| Selectman (3-year term): | Ted Hoyle | 121 |
| | Jack Kennedy | 120 |
| Write-ins: | Ed Bart | 1 |
| | Jeff Jesseman | 1 |
| | Roger Odell | 1 |
| | | |
| Treasurer (1-year term): | Tina Peabody | 212 |
| Write-ins: | Grace Montagno | 1 |
| | | |
| Moderator (2-year term): | William L. Mead Sr. | 208 |
| Write-ins: | Brad Ball | 1 |
| | Bob Gilbert | 1 |
| | Bill Heath | 1 |
| | Steve Heath | 1 |
| | Ray Holland | 1 |
| | Charles H Hurbert | 1 |
| | Jim Walker | 2 |
| | | |
| Supervisor of Checklist (6-yr term): | Marcia Graham | 213 |
| Write-ins: | Bernadette Costa | 1 |
| | | |
| Trustee of the Trust Funds (3-year term): | | |
| Write-ins: | Grace Montagno | 29 |
| | Karl Beltz | 1 |
| | Ned Densmore | 2 |
| | Mr. Johnson | 1 |
| | Charles Lovett | 1 |
| | Bill McFarland | 1 |
| | Bill Mead | 1 |
| | John Peabody | 1 |
| | M. Richmond | 1 |

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | Andy Smith | 1 |
| | Harriet Taylor | 1 |
| Library Trustee (3-year term): | George Lewis | 176 |
| Two Vacancies | Charles Lovett | 199 |
| Write-ins: | | |
| Water Commissioner (3-year term): | Marcia Graham | 210 |
| Write-ins: | Chris Coleman | 1 |
| | Angelo Costa | 4 |
| | Peter Gignac | 1 |
| | Steve Heath | 1 |
| | Ray Holland | 1 |
| | Charles H. Hurbert | 2 |
| | Scott Knowlton | 1 |
| | Mac | 1 |
| | Richard McLachlin | 1 |
| | John Peabody | 1 |

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one million three hundred ninety-five thousand six hundred and seventy-two dollars (\$1,395,672.00) to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Executive | \$105,198.00 |
| Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics | 30,826.00 |
| Financial Administration | 56,950.00 |
| Revaluation of Property | 9,500.00 |
| Legal Expenses | 5,000.00 |
| Planning & Zoning | 5,650.00 |
| General Government Buildings | 91,437.00 |
| Cemeteries | 16,980.00 |
| Insurance..... | 7,700.00 |
| Advertising & Regional Associations..... | 12,685.00 |
| (Chamber of Commerce..... | 10,000.00) |
| (North Country Council | 1,989.00) |
| (Regional Airport..... | 696.00) |

PUBLIC SAFETY

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Police | 308,328.00 |
| Fire..... | 86,690.00 |
| Life Squad | 54,499.00 |
| Forest Fire..... | 3,578.00 |
| Dispatch Phone Lines | 30,000.00 |
| (Franconia's Share..... | 29,500.00) |

HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....359,517.00

UTILITIES

HEALTH & HOSPITALS.....11,157.00

 (American Red Cross.....470.00)

 (Ammonoosuc Community Health2,500.00)

| | | |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | (CASA | 500.00) |
| | (Grafton Co. Senior Citizens | 1,000.00) |
| | (Health Officer..... | 300.00) |
| | (Littleton Regional Hospital | 1,575.00) |
| | (North Country Home Health | 2,750.00) |
| | (North Country YMCA..... | 250.00) |
| | (Support Center – Burch House..... | 520.00) |
| | (White Mt. Mental Health..... | 1,292.00) |
| WELFARE | | 8,600.00 |
| | (General Assistance | 6,000.00) |
| | (CAP | 2,600.00) |
| CULTURE & RECREATION | | |
| Recreation Programs..... | | 109,056.00 |
| | (Franconia’s Share | 49,451.00) |
| Parks | | 17,910.00 |
| Patriotic Purposes | | 1,000.00 |
| Museums..... | | 311.00 |
| CONSERVATION | | 1,000.00 |
| DEBT SERVICE | | 40,600.00 |
| TOTAL..... (Franconia’s Share \$1,335,567.00)..... | | \$1,395,672.00 |

The article was read, moved by Rich McLeod and seconded by Sally Small. Rich McLeod spoke to the article. There was a comment from the floor asking for more of a presentation at the budget hearing next year stating that the overall presentation was too vague. The Select Board acknowledged the comment. A hand vote was taken and Article 2 passed.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-eight thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$168,850.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Town Buildings Truck, \$6,000; Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment, \$5,500; Highway Trucks, \$52,050; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$8,500; Police Cruisers, \$15,000; Life Squad Van, \$11,500; Fire Equipment Truck, \$7,800; Fire Pumper Truck, \$15,000; Fire Truck Tanker, \$22,500; Fire Safety Equipment, \$10,000; Transfer Station Equipment, \$6,500; and Reassessment, \$8,500.

The article was read, moved by Rich McLeod and seconded by Sally Small. Rich McLeod spoke to the article. There was discussion from the floor asking about the higher amounts appropriated for this year versus last year. Phil Hetzner the current Chair of the CIP spoke to the question explaining that in order for things to balance out the appropriations needed to be bumped up this year for two police vehicles. A hand vote was taken and Article 3 passed.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Highway Improvement, \$60,000; Library Building Maintenance, \$5,000; and Sidewalk Improvement, \$1,000.

The article was read, moved by Rich McLeod and seconded by Sally Small. Rich McLeod spoke to the article. There was discussion from the floor pertaining to Town Buildings Maintenance Fund and why the Library Building Maintenance did not fall under that category. Sally Small recognized that it was an error and would fix the wording for next year to highlight Town Buildings Maintenance Fund which would include the Library Building. A hand vote was taken and Article 4 passed.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to purchase a Cardiac Monitor for the Franconia Ambulance. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by John Lachapelle and seconded by Sally Small. John Lachapelle spoke to the article. John Lachapelle explained that this was a State mandated request and they want all ambulance companies to be in compliance by December 31, 2012 and given the short notice on this there was not enough time to get this on the CIP schedule. Paul Schmucker, the Life Squad Chief spoke on how he had done considerable research on the different options for a cardiac monitor that were available including buying new, buying a refurbished one or leasing. It was recommended by Paul Schmucker and the Select board that the best option would be to purchase a new monitor which would give the Town the best warranty and keep them in compliance. There was considerable discussion from the floor regarding this purchase. One person brought up looking into whether the towns of Sugar Hill & Easton could help out with a portion of this since they also use the service. At this time that could not be determined. There was also a question from the floor about asking the Town's Attorney what would happen if the Town opposed doing this and what sort of implications the State would put on us? A hand vote was taken and Article 5 passed.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend appropriation.

The article was read, moved by John LaChapelle and seconded by Sally Small. John Lachapelle spoke to the article. A hand vote was taken and Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred sixty-five thousand eight hundred six dollars (\$265,806.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and to raise seventy-five thousand eight hundred-nineteen dollars (\$75,819.00) from taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from the Town of Sugar Hill (\$48,116.00), the Town of Easton (\$21,871.00), PAYT Fees (\$75,000.00), Special Handling Fees (\$25,000.00), and Recycled Material (\$20,000.00). The Selectmen recommend appropriation

The article was read, moved by John Lachapelle and seconded by Sally Small. John Lachapelle spoke to the article. There was discussion from the floor about the surplus fund amount and why the Town uses such a high number each year. Sally Small spoke to

the question explaining that the Town likes to take a conservative approach and that any surplus revenue goes into the Special Revenue Fund for the use of Capital Improvements. Tina Peabody made a motion to amend the Article 7 to reduce the amount for solid waste disposal by \$13,110.00. This amended the amount from \$265,806.00 to \$252,696.00. The amendment was seconded by Jon Peabody and a hand vote was taken on the Amendment. The Amendment failed. The original Article was called, seconded and a hand vote was taken and Article 7 passed.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy nine thousand one hundred twenty-four dollars (\$79,124.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The Selectmen recommend appropriation.

The article was read, moved by Roland Barnaby and seconded by Sally Small. Roland Barnaby spoke to the article. George Lewis, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Library asked to amend Article 8 by adding \$1,525.00 to the \$79,124.00 amount to ensure that the library employees receive a 3.6% salary increase along with all of the other town employees. The amendment was seconded by Martha McLeod and a hand vote was taken and Article 8 was amended. The amended article read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand and six hundred and forty-nine Dollars (\$80,649.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The amended article was read, moved and seconded. A hand vote was taken and Article 8 passed.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to purchase new woodchips for the Dow Field Playground and to authorize the withdrawal of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from the Dow Field Capital Reserve created for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by Roland Barnaby and seconded by Sally Small. Roland Barnaby spoke to the article. A hand vote was taken and Article 9 passed.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to support the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country in order to provide a healthy, safe and productive after school environment for children from Franconia and other area towns. The selectmen do not recommend this article. (By Petition)

The article was read, moved by Roland Barnaby and seconded by Sally Small. Roland Barnaby spoke to the article. A hand vote was taken and Article 10 failed.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town of Franconia will vote to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Northern Pass Power Transmission Project as presently proposed will pass through the White Mountain National Forest and could potentially pass through the Town of Franconia on an alternate route, and

WHEREAS this project would make the areas less attractive for outdoor recreational activities and tourism and negatively impact sightseeing, hiking, skiing and other activities that this region heavily depends on for revenue, and

WHEREAS this project would blight the landscape and devastate the values of properties within its transmission corridor and lines of sight, and

WHEREAS this project would adversely impact wildlife and wildlife habitat and wetlands located within the region, and

WHEREAS the provisions of inexpensive and artificial subsidized power to southern New England would be detrimental to the growth of small sustainable power production businesses in northern New England now and in the future, and

WHEREAS the adverse health effects of such high voltage transmission power lines on human, animal and plant life within the electromagnetic field created by the lines are not fully understood, now be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Franconia strongly opposes this project, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to our President, the State Governor, our State and National Senators and Representatives and to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. The selectmen recommend this article. (By Petition)

The article was read, moved by Joel Peabody and seconded by Sally Small. Dawn Steele spoke to the article. This was a petitioned article that said the people from the Town of Franconia are opposed to the Northern Pass as it stands now and by voting in favor of this Article it will send the important message to the Governor letting him know how we feel. A hand vote was taken and Article 11 passed.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town of Franconia will vote to waive the 2012 property taxes for the not-for-profit Franconia Children's Center. The selectmen do not recommend this article. (By Petition)

The article was read, moved by Roland Barnaby and seconded by Sally Small. Josh Lawton spoke to the article. Josh Lawton explained that the Franconia Children's Center (FCC) is a not for profit organization and they are looking for relief from having to pay property taxes on the building. Currently there are about 20 families from Franconia that use the FCC. There was considerable discussion regarding this and many people spoke in favor of helping the FCC and expressed the message for keeping the facility alive in whatever capacity it could highlighting the importance of attracting young families to the area. Martha McLeod made a motion to amend Article 12 to read: To see if the Town of Franconia will recommend to the Franconia Select Board to abate the 2012 property taxes for the not for profit Franconia Children's Center. Kathy Taylor seconded and a hand vote was taken on the Amendment. The Amendment passed.

The amended Article 12 was read, motioned and seconded. A Hand vote was taken and Article 12 passed.

ARTICLE 13. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

The article was read, moved by Sally Small and seconded by the floor. There were no reports to be heard. A hand vote was taken and Article 13 passed.

ARTICLE 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The article was read, moved by Roland Barnaby and seconded by Sally Small. Bernie Costa spoke regarding the Planning Board and encouraged them to step up their efforts. She also articulated the need for people to consider volunteering to sit on the various Committees that are in need of help and make a commitment to the Town. Jon Peabody expressed his disappointment for not having the Town Report dedicated to a couple of Town employees who recently left the Town and had considerable years of service. Jon would also like to see salaries listed in future town reports. Gene Young asked for direction on a property owner which appears to be obsolete on Kinsman Road. There being no further business a hand vote was taken and Article 14 was passed.

There being no further business to transact, there was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn L. Knowlton
Town Clerk

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Land | \$ 99,874,950.00 |
| Buildings | 180,646,538.00 |
| Manufactured Housing | 1,293,600.00 |
| Electric Utilities | <u>3,605,100.00</u> |
| Gross Valuation | \$285,420,188.00 |
| Elderly Exemptions | (145,000.00) |
| Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption | (53,356.00) |
| Solar Energy Exemptions | <u>(71,631.00)</u> |
| Net Valuation | \$285,150,201.00 |

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Town Appropriations | \$2,010,477.00 |
| Revenues | <u>(738,541.00)</u> |
| Net Town Appropriations | 1,271,936.00 |
| Net School Appropriations | 2,064,447.00 |
| Net State Education Appropriations | 679,078.00 |
| Net County Appropriations | <u>458,614.00</u> |
| Total of Town, School & County | 4,474,075.00 |
| Add: Overlay | 34,328.00 |
| Add: War Service Credits | <u>22,500.00</u> |
| Property Tax to be Raised | 4,530,903.00 |
| Less Credits | <u>(22,500.00)</u> |
| Taxes Committed to Treasurer | \$4,508,403.00 |

2012 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

| | |
|--------|-------------|
| Town | \$4.66 |
| County | 1.61 |
| State | 2.41 |
| School | <u>7.24</u> |
| | \$15.92 |

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Franconia – December 31, 2012

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Village Water Project - 30 Year Bond 2.25% Interest | | \$2,267,000.00 |
| | <u>Town's Payment</u> | <u>Water Users Payment</u> |
| Principal | 20,928.53 | 39,316.15 |
| Interest | 17,171.47 | 32,171.85 |
| Balance of Loan | | \$2,147,843.61 |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| | Land | Buildings | Equipment |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Town Hall, land & buildings | \$ 96,500.00 | \$339,700.00 | \$ |
| General Government, buildings & equipment | | 15,900.00 | 38,100.00 |
| Town Hall, equipment | | | 285.00 |
| Library, land & buildings | 97,100.00 | 355,500.00 | |
| Fire/Police, land & buildings | 97,100.00 | 320,700.00 | |
| Fire Department, equipment | | | 442,580.00 |
| Police Department, equipment | | | 31,625.00 |
| Highway Department/Transfer Station | | | |
| Land & buildings | 76,300.00, | 126,800.00 | |
| Highway Department, equipment | | | 93,670.00 |
| Transfer Station, equipment | | | 9,593.00 |
| Franconia/Mittersill Water Department | | | |
| Land & buildings | 311,000.00 | 3,521,400.00 | |
| Franconia/Mittersill Water Department | | | |
| Wells, mains, etc. | | | 1,451,883.00 |
| Cemeteries | 246,100.00 | | |
| Land in Franconia | 294,500.00 | | |
| Robert Frost House (Museum) | 126,300.00 | 155,700.00 | |
| Heritage Museum | 107,400.00 | 119,300.00 | |
| Interpretive Center (Museum) | 92,200.00 | 6,700.00 | |
| Dow Field | 167,800.00 | | |
| Fox Hill Park | 258,700.00 | | |
| | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(2)</u> |
| TOTALS | \$1,971,000.00 | \$4,961,700.00 | \$2,067,736.00 |

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2012
Cash Basis

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Registration | \$200,194.16 |
| Motor Vehicle Title/Transfer Fees | 502.00 |
| Municipal Agent Fees | 4,761.00 |
| Town Clerk Fees | 1,574.00 |
| Dog Licenses | 695.50 |
| Vital Statistics | 360.00 |
| Marriage Licenses | 63.00 |
| UCC Filings and Requests | 420.00 |
| TOTAL | \$208,569.66 |

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levy of 2012
For Year Ending December 31, 2012

DEBITS

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Taxes Committed to Collector | | |
| Property Taxes | \$4,510,155.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | 10,475.53 | |
| Utility – Water | 280,064.92 | \$4,800,695.45 |
| Overpayment of Property Taxes | 14,075.34 | |
| Interest Collected | 2,730.44 | 16,805.78 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | | \$4,817,501.23 |

CREDITS

| | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|
| Remittances to Treasurer | | |
| Property Taxes | \$4,255,839.23 | |
| Yield Taxes | 9,721.99 | |
| Utility - Water | 238,571.13 | |
| Overpayments | 14,075.34 | |
| Property Tax Abatement | 1,307.00 | |
| Utility Charge Abatement | 71.30 | |
| Interest Collected | 2,730.44 | \$4,522,316.43 |
| Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List) | | |
| Property Taxes | 253,008.77 | |
| Yield Taxes | 753.54 | |
| Utility-Water | 41,422.49 | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | \$4,817,501.23 |

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
LEVY OF 2011**

DEBITS

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 2011 | | |
| Property Taxes | \$302,579.70 | |
| Yield Tax | 975.00 | |
| Utility – Water | 19,230.07 | |
| Interest & Penalties Collected | 19,769.21 | |
| TOTAL DEBITS | <u>19,769.21</u> | \$342,553.98 |

CREDITS

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Remittances to Treasurer | | |
| Property Taxes | \$189,422.04 | |
| Utility – Water | 8,364.91 | |
| Interest Collected | 19,769.21 | |
| Abatements | | |
| Property Taxes | 475.49 | |
| Utility - Water | 1,987.38 | |
| Uncollected Property Taxes | 122,534.95 | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | <u>122,534.95</u> | \$342,553.98 |

**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012**

DEBITS

| | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Balance of Unredeemed Taxes | | | |
| January 1, 2011 | \$ 134,971.86 | \$91,733.18 | \$ 141,547.72 |
| Taxes to Lien, Current FY | | | |
| Interest & Costs Collected | <u>2,391.90</u> | <u>4,380.84</u> | <u>8,673.02</u> |
| TOTAL DEBITS | 137,363.76 | 96,114.02 | 150,220.74 |

CREDITS

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Remittances To Treasurer | | | |
| Redemptions | 38,866.75 | 44,241.15 | 25,483.67 |
| Interest & Costs Collected | 2,391.90 | 4,380.84 | 8,673.02 |
| Abatements of Unredeemed liens | 7,140.01 | | |
| Unredeemed Taxes | <u>88,965.10</u> | <u>47,492.03</u> | <u>116,064.05</u> |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$137,363.76 | 96,114.02 | \$150,220.74 |

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012

| | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Robert W. Anthony | \$752.57 | | |
| Yvonne Bastianelli | 5,305.51 | 9,026.76 | 11,081.53 |
| Edward A. Breault | 2,581.18 | | 1,106.32 |
| Christopher Clark | 149.95 | | |
| CottonTail Farms Trust | 1,056.29 | 1,098.54 | |
| Darrel Dietlein | 4,656.86 | 3,159.65 | |
| Marguerite Donovan | 471.25 | 385.02 | |
| Ellen Beth Fine | 1,122.55 | 684.48 | |
| Forest Hills Assoc | 2,775.83 | | |
| Raymond Fredericksen III | 18,524.80 | | |
| John Gargano | 2,619.30 | 2,682.83 | |
| Trevor Hamilton | 4,489.91 | | |
| Estate of Harriet Harris | 2,862.88 | | |
| Charles H. Herbert | 1,246.70 | 1,117.84 | |
| Robert H. Lodge, Jr. | 1,616.12 | 1,699.36 | 2,105.79 |
| Robert H. Lodge, Jr. | 2,087.00 | 3,017.79 | 3,745.14 |
| Eleanor R. Lovett | 938.95 | | |
| Eleanor R. Lovett | 188.61 | 547.86 | |
| Edward C. Mattox | 232.60 | | |
| John E. McKay | 912.11 | 942.19 | 1,165.57 |
| Stuart P. McKenzie | 385.06 | 405.32 | 498.98 |
| Stuart P. McKenzie | 2,240.38 | 2,302.80 | 2,861.53 |
| Stuart P. McKenzie | 8,116.97 | 9,541.20 | 11,854.62 |
| Christopher A. Miller | 1,445.45 | 1,613.77 | |
| Mary A. Nehring | 354.51 | | |
| Thomas E. Norcott | 441.26 | | |
| Robert J. O'Neill Sr. | 351.48 | 416.18 | 513.11 |
| Robert J. O'Neill Sr. | 4,052.99 | 4,120.15 | 5,076.12 |
| OTL Property LLC #8 | 5,238.95 | 5,560.79 | 1,394.13 |
| Robert P. Peckett, III | 3,034.51 | 1,178.23 | |
| Colleen Stadelmann | 5,098.50 | | |
| Sam P. Stephenson | 1,891.45 | | |
| Deborah A. Stravato | 1,610.13 | 1,689.89 | 2,093.22 |
| Estate of Grace Taylor | 533.30 | 412.40 | |
| Top of the Notch Cooperative | 1,218.03 | 177.58 | |
| Von Pantz, Stokes Lott | 368.05 | 882.44 | 1,091.69 |
| William Wiggin | 1,047.84 | 910.94 | 1,127.82 |
| Gary Young, Jr. | 3,243.65 | 2,313.76 | |
| Gary Young, Jr. | <u>211.52</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| TOTALS | \$95,475.00 | \$55,887.77 | 45,715.57 |

2012 TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance **\$1,393,987.94**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 65,747.47 | |
| Tax Collector | 930,769.67 | |
| Town Clerk | 203,493.76 | |
| Selectmen | 4,609,287.99 | |
| Interest Earned | <u>224.64</u> | |
| Total Regular Revenues | 5,743,776.06 | |
| Unknown | 11,053.79 | |
| TAN | 230,000.00 | |
| From NH-PDIP | <u>2,595,000.00</u> | |
| Total Other Revenue | 2,836,053.79 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 8,579,829.85 | \$8,579,829.85 |
| Total Regular Disbursements | (5,648,183.82) | |
| Transfer NH-PDIP | (2,320,000.00) | |
| Loan Payment | (230,000.00) | |
| Miscellaneous Debit/Fees | (1,205.05) | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | <u>(8,199,388.87)</u> | (\$8,199,388.87) |
| Ending Checking Balance | \$ 446,188.45 | |

NH-PDIP ACCOUNT

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 1,328,240.47 | |
| Deposits | 2,320,000.00 | |
| Interest Earned | 654.48 | \$2,320,654.48 |
| W/Ds to Checking | <u>(2,595,000.00)</u> | (\$2,595,000.00) |
| Ending Balance | \$1,053,894.95 | |
| Ending Cash Balance | | \$1,500,083.40 |

LAND USE FUND

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$271,084.24 |
| Interest Earned | 295.18 |
| Land Use Transfer | <u> </u> |
| Ending Balance | \$271,379.42 |

McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 3,307.39 |
| Interest Earned | <u> 3.72</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$ 3,311.11 |

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 91,401.09 |
| Interest | 99.62 |
| Deposit-Transfer from General Fund | <u> </u> |
| Ending Balance | \$91,500.71 |

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Cash Balance | | \$137,018.03 |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$ 9,189.51 | |
| Deposits | 275,119.67 | |
| PDIP Transfers IN | 90,000.00 | |
| PDIP Transfers OUT | (170,000.00) | |
| Interest | 18.91 | |
| Unknown | 2,810.45 | 197,949.03 |
| Expenses | (211,191.08) | |
| Fees | <u>-0-</u> | <u>(211,191.82)</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$ (4,053.28) | |
| NH-PDIP ACCOUNT | | |
| Beginning Balance | 127,828.52 | |
| Deposits | 170,000.00 | |
| Interest Earned | 213.47 | 170,213.47 |
| Withdrawals to Checking | <u>(90,000.00)</u> | <u>(90,000.00)</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$ 208,041.99 | |
| Year End Cash Balance | | \$203,988.71 |

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| NH-PDIP ACCOUNT | | |
| Beginning Balance | 113,950.72 | |
| Deposits from Checking | 0.00 | |
| Interest Earned | <u>124.15</u> | <u>124.15</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$114,074.87 | |
| Year End Cash Balance | | \$114,074.87 |

FRANCONIA VILLAGE WATER PROJECT

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$869.0 |
| Interest Earned | <u>1.15</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$870.16 |

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Accrual Basis

TAXES

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 3110 - 3186 Revenue from Taxes | \$4,632,256.79 |
| 3190 Interest & Penalties | 24,479.33 |

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

| | |
|---|------------|
| 3210 - 3290 Motor Vehicles, Bldg. Permits & Other | 209,375.00 |
|---|------------|

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 3351-3353 State of New Hampshire | 98,276.16 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|

FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 3379 Town of Easton | 31,931.88 |
| 3379 Town of Sugar Hill | 77,471.92 |

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

| | |
|--|-----------|
| 3401 Income from Departments: | |
| 4130 Executive | 779.74 |
| 4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | 650.00 |
| 4150 Financial Administration | 10.00 |
| 4195 Cemeteries | 1,136.40 |
| 4210 Police | 740.98 |
| 4221 Life Squad | 32,617.09 |
| 4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire) | 189.56 |
| 4312 Highway Department | 449.80 |
| 4442 Welfare | 200.00 |
| 4520.1 Parks | 250.00 |
| 3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees) | 27,112.00 |

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| 3501 Sale of Town Property | 5,815.06 |
| 3502 Interest on Investments | 879.12 |

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| 3915 Capital Reserve Funds | 1,500.00 |
| 3916 Cemetery Trust Funds | 2,000.00 |
| 3917 Expendable Trust Funds | 195,104.00 |

TOTAL REVENUES

\$5,343,224.83

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 4332 Water Department | 12,881.25 |
| Cobra Payment | 1,092.81 |
| Dow Concerts | 3,800.00 |
| Dow Field Playground | 350.47 |
| Halloween Cup Expense | 215.00 |
| 4 th of July Fireworks | 2,500.00 |
| Hazardous Mitigation | 2,400.00 |
| Police Coverage | 420.00 |
| Recreation Field Trip Fees | 669.00 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Recreation Transportation | 300.00 |
| Tax Anticipation Note | 230,000.00 |
| Village Water Project | 5,549.74 |
| Water Project Semi-Annual Loan | <u>71,488.00</u> |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS | \$ 331,666.27 |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

TAXES

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 3110 Property Taxes | \$4,559,393.90 | |
| 3120 Land Use Change Tax | 7,618.00 | |
| 3185 Yield Tax | 1,194.89 | |
| 3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes | <u>64,050.00</u> | |
| | | \$4,632,256.79 |
| 3190 Interest & Penalties | | 24,479.33 |

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 3210 Business Licenses/Permits | 250.00 | |
| 3220 Motor Vehicle Permits | 200,081.36 | |
| 3230 Building Permits | 2,364.14 | |
| 3290 Other Licenses & Fees | <u>6,679.50</u> | |
| | | 209,375.00 |

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution | 49,739.87 | |
| 3353 Highway Block Grant | 47,036.29 | |
| 3359 Forestry Truck Grant | <u>1,500.00</u> | |
| | | 98,276.16 |

FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 3379 Town of Easton | | |
| Administrative Fees | 2,000.00 | |
| Recreation Programs | 8,060.88 | |
| Transfer Station | <u>21,871.00</u> | |
| | | 31,931.88 |
| 3379 Town of Sugar Hill | | |
| Administrative Fees | 2,300.00 | |
| Dispatch Phone Lines | 455.02 | |
| Recreation Programs | 26,600.90 | |
| Transfer Station | <u>48,116.00</u> | |
| | | 77,471.92 |

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 3401 Income from Departments | | |
| 4130 Executive | | |
| Copies and Printouts | 167.00 | |
| Current Use/LUCT Fees | 51.00 | |
| Payroll Refund | <u>561.74</u> | |
| | | 779.74 |

| | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| 4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | | |
| Voter Checklist | | 650.00 |
| 4150 Financial Administration | | |
| Bank Charges Reimbursed | | 10.00 |
| 4195 Cemeteries | | |
| Recycled Material | 36.40 | |
| Burials | <u>1,100.00</u> | 1,136.40 |
| 4210 Police | | |
| Pistol Permits | 220.00 | |
| Police Coverage | 120.00 | |
| Police Report | 90.00 | |
| Supplies Reimbursed | 50.98 | |
| Town Fines | <u>260.00</u> | 740.98 |
| 4221 Life Squad | | |
| Supplies Reimbursed | 87.46 | |
| Town of Sugar Hill | 2,000.00 | |
| Transport Payments | <u>30,529.63</u> | 32,617.09 |
| 4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire) | | |
| Fines Paid to Town | | 189.56 |
| 4312 Highway Department | | |
| Sale of Scrap Metal | | 449.80 |
| 4442 Welfare | | |
| Assistance Reimbursed | | 200.00 |
| 4520.1 Parks | | |
| Donation | | 250.00 |
| 3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees) | | |
| Spring Sports/Baseball Fees | 1,270.00 | |
| Soccer Fees | 1,680.00 | |
| Summer Recreation Fees | 23,637.00 | |
| Winter Sports | <u>525.00</u> | 27,112.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | | |
| 3501 Sale of Town Property | | 5,815.06 |
| 3502 Interest on Investments | | |
| Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank | 224.64 | |
| NH-PDIP | <u>654.48</u> | 879.12 |

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

| | | |
|--|------------|-----------------------|
| 3915 Capital Reserve Funds | | |
| Dow Field | | 1,500.00 |
| 3916 Cemetery Trust Funds | | 2,000.00 |
| 3917 Expendable Trust Funds | | |
| Highway Improvement Fund | 115,415.00 | |
| Safety Services Bldg Improvements Fund | 17,170.00 | |
| Town Buildings Maintenance | 62,519.00 | |
| | | <u>195,104.00</u> |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | \$5,343,224.83 |

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| 4332 Water Department | | |
| Cell Phones | 1,306.87 | |
| Computer Support | 1,290.53 | |
| Insurance-Buildings | 753.00 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Electricity | 966.84 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil | 1,206.32 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Maintenance | 300.88 | |
| Newspaper Ads | 38.00 | |
| Payroll Taxes | 118.15 | |
| Supplies | 138.93 | |
| Wages | 1,688.07 | |
| Water Payments Paid with Taxes | 4,433.66 | |
| Workers Compensation | 640.00 | |
| | | <u>12,881.25</u> |
| Cobra Payment | | 1,092.81 |
| Dow Concerts | | 3,800.00 |
| Dow Field Playground | | 350.47 |
| Halloween Cup Expense | | 215.00 |
| 4 th of July Fireworks | | 2,500.00 |
| Hazardous Mitigation | | 2,400.00 |
| Police Coverage | | 420.00 |
| Recreation Field Trip Fees | | 669.00 |
| Recreation Transportation | | 300.00 |
| Tax Anticipation Note | | 230,000.00 |
| Village Water Project | | 5,549.74 |
| Water Project Annual Loan Payment | | 71,488.00 |
| | | <u>\$ 331,666.27</u> |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS | | \$ 331,666.27 |

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Accrual Basis

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| | |
|--|---------------|
| 4130 Executive | \$ 100,062.21 |
| 4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | 29,719.82 |
| 4150 Financial Administration | 56,657.20 |
| 4152 Revaluation of Property | 9,450.00 |
| 4153 Legal Expense | 6,692.89 |
| 4191 Planning & Zoning Boards | 3,495.52 |
| 4194 General Government Buildings | 84,021.01 |
| 4195 Cemeteries | 12,731.39 |
| 4196 Insurance | 7,676.00 |
| 4197 Advertising and Regional Associations | 12,685.40 |

PUBLIC SAFETY

| | |
|---|------------|
| 4210 Police | 287,467.15 |
| 4220 Fire | 82,711.66 |
| 4221 Life Squad | 45,153.37 |
| 4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire) | 2,902.63 |
| 4299 Emergency Dispatch Phone Service | 29,007.95 |

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| 4312 Highway Department | 368,875.37 |
| 4316 Utilities | 20,857.59 |

HEALTH

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 4415 Health Officer & Agencies | 10,857.00 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|

WELFARE

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| 4442 Direct Assistance | 5,948.90 |
|------------------------|----------|

CULTURE AND RECREATION

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| 4520 Recreation | 105,571.64 |
| 4521 Parks | 18,590.79 |
| 4583 Patriotic Purpose | 1,000.00 |
| 4589 Museums | 311.00 |

CONSERVATION

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| 4619 General Expenses | 210.00 |
|-----------------------|--------|

DEBT SERVICE

| | |
|---|-----------|
| 4711 Principal – Long Term Bonds | 20,928.53 |
| 4721 Interest – Long Term Bonds | 17,171.47 |
| 4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes | 2,079.54 |

CAPITAL OULTAY

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 4902 Vehicles & Equipment | 30,000.00 |
| 4903 Buildings | 79,688.94 |
| 4909 Other Improvements | 116,914.91 |

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 4912 Special Revenue Funds | 156,468.00 |
| 4915 Capital Reserve Funds | 168,850.00 |
| 4916 Expendable Trust Funds | <u>66,000.00</u> |

SUB-TOTAL **\$1,960,757.88**

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS | 8,469.41 |
| WATER LIENS | 9,952.24 |

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 4931 Grafton County | 458,614.00 |
| 4933 School Districts | 2,847,945.00 |
| 4939 State of New Hampshire | <u>861.50</u> |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$5,286,600.03

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 4332 Water Department | 12,881.25 |
| Cobra Payments | 1,092.81 |
| Dow Concerts | 3,800.00 |
| Dow Field Playground | 350.47 |
| Halloween Cup Expense | 215.00 |
| 4 th of July Fireworks | 2,500.00 |
| Hazardous Mitigation | 2,400.00 |
| Police Coverage | 420.00 |
| Recreation Field Trip Fees | 669.00 |
| Recreation Transportation | 300.00 |
| Tax Anticipation Note | 230,000.00 |
| Village Water Project | 5,549.74 |
| Water Project Annual Loan Payment | <u>71,488.00</u> |

TOTAL TRANSFERS \$ 331,666.27

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive

| | | |
|--|-----------|----------------------|
| General Expenses | | |
| Current Use/Land Use Change Recordings | 89.55 | |
| Dues | 1,272.20 | |
| Equipment | | |
| Maintenance/Repairs | 674.73 | |
| New | 39.91 | |
| Maps | 4,600.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 690.00 | |
| Newspaper Notices | 169.50 | |
| Postage | 1,074.50 | |
| RSA Updates & Legal Material | 529.85 | |
| Software Support | 2,311.80 | |
| Supplies | 1,482.87 | |
| Telephone | 1,645.53 | |
| Training/Meetings | 438.25 | |
| Salaries & Wages | | |
| Administrative Assistant | 22,432.80 | |
| Executive Secretary | 13,205.38 | |
| Secretary | 15,563.95 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | |
| Health Insurance | 28,215.40 | |
| Payroll Taxes | 3,916.99 | |
| Retirement - Town Contribution | 1,326.00 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 79.00 | |
| Workers Compensation | 304.00 | |
| | 304.00 | \$ 100,062.21 |

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|--------|
| Election/Registration | | |
| General Expenses | | |
| NH Votes Expense | 57.75 | |
| Newspaper Notices | 168.50 | |
| Supplies | 266.98 | 493.23 |
| Town Clerk | | |
| General Expenses | | |
| Dog Tags | 56.98 | |
| Dues | 20.00 | |
| New Office Equipment | 34.00 | |
| Newspaper Notices | 168.50 | |
| Postage | 716.30 | |
| Software Programs/Support | 2,253.25 | |
| Supplies | 115.90 | |
| Telephone | 659.00 | |
| Workshops/Meetings | 134.00 | |
| Salaries & Wages | | |

| | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Ballot Clerks | 267.40 | |
| Supervisor of the Checklist | 3,000.00 | |
| Town Clerk | 20,038.80 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | |
| Payroll Taxes | <u>1,762.46</u> | 29,719.82 |
| 4150 Financial Administration | | |
| Accounting & Reports | | |
| Bank Charges | 40.00 | |
| Checks & Supplies | 366.38 | |
| Direct Deposit Charges | 1,108.45 | |
| Town Report | 2,025.00 | |
| Auditor | 17,565.00 | |
| Tax Collection | | |
| Dues | 20.00 | |
| New Office Equipment | 33.99 | |
| Postage/Envelopes | 1,194.76 | |
| Software Programs/Support | 2,200.25 | |
| Recording Fees | 236.00 | |
| Supplies | 63.94 | |
| Tax Bills | 237.19 | |
| Workshops/Training | 50.00 | |
| Salary & Wages | | |
| Bookkeeper | 22,432.80 | |
| Tax Collector | 5,005.00 | |
| Treasurer | 1,828.00 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | |
| Payroll Taxes | <u>2,250.44</u> | 56,657.20 |
| 4152 Revaluation of Property | | |
| General Expenses | | 9,450.00 |
| 4153 Legal Expense | | |
| General Matters | | 6,692.89 |
| 4191 Planning & Zoning Boards | | |
| General Expenses | | |
| Legal Fees | 1,209.30 | |
| RSA Updates & Law Books | 112.00 | |
| Supplies | 23.18 | |
| Salary & Wages | | |
| Secretary | 1,998.19 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | |
| Payroll Taxes | <u>152.85</u> | 3,495.52 |

4194 General Government Buildings

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| General Expenses | | | |
| Building Maintenance | | 5,213.38 | |
| Dow Clock | | 826.34 | |
| Equipment | | | |
| Gas & Diesel | 288.87 | | |
| Maintenance | 1,196.78 | | |
| New | <u>134.41</u> | 1,620.06 | |
| Heating Oil | | 6,752.67 | |
| Insurance | | | |
| Buildings & Equipment | 742.00 | | |
| Commercial Auto | <u>277.00</u> | 1,019.00 | |
| Library Insurance | | 1,515.00 | |
| Maintenance Garage | | | |
| Electricity | 536.63 | | |
| Heating/Water | 1,297.22 | | |
| Phone/Internet | <u>421.08</u> | 2,254.93 | |
| Newspaper Ads | | 189.00 | |
| Plantings | | 152.06 | |
| Sidewalk Plowing | | 213.22 | |
| Supplies | | 1,754.53 | |
| Uniforms | | 150.00 | |
| Vehicles | | | |
| Gas | 4,009.28 | | |
| Maintenance | <u>291.83</u> | 4,301.11 | |
| Salaries & Wages | | | |
| Supervisor | 36,786.47 | | |
| Assistant | 654.90 | | |
| Overtime | <u>1,514.17</u> | 38,955.54 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |
| Health Insurance | | 18,332.20 | |
| Payroll Taxes | | 3,186.38 | |
| Retirement - Town Contribution | | 884.00 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | | 266.00 | |
| Workers Compensation | | <u>1,262.00</u> | 84,021.01 |

4195 Cemeteries

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------|--|
| General Expenses | | | |
| Electricity | | 214.27 | |
| Equipment | | 391.93 | |
| Stone Cleaning | | 2,000.00 | |
| Supplies/Flags | | 1,149.48 | |
| Waterline | | 72.36 | |
| Salary & Wages | | | |
| Supervisor/Sexton | 2,084.43 | | |
| Assistant | <u>5,963.26</u> | 8,047.69 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |

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| Payroll Taxes | 615.66 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 40.00 | |
| Workers Compensation | <u>200.00</u> | 12,731.39 |
| 4196 Insurance | | |
| Liability | | 7,676.00 |
| 4197 Advertising and Regional Assoc. | | |
| Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce | 10,000.00 | |
| Mt Washington Regional Airport | 696.00 | |
| North Country Council | <u>1,989.40</u> | 12,685.40 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | |
| 4210 Police | | |
| General Expenses | | |
| Boarding Stray Dogs | 120.00 | |
| Building Maintenance | 3,470.99 | |
| Dues & Subscriptions | 116.66 | |
| Firearms | | |
| Ammunition | 1,563.65 | |
| New | <u>1,811.24</u> | 3,374.89 |
| Insurance | | |
| Building & Equipment | 202.00 | |
| Commercial Auto | 479.00 | |
| Liability | <u>6,084.00</u> | 6,765.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 741.65 |
| New Equipment | | 99.99 |
| Office | | |
| Repairs/Maintenance | 560.04 | |
| Software/Support | 4,391.00 | |
| Supplies/Postage | <u>1,257.39</u> | 6,208.43 |
| Photography | | 18.88 |
| Prosecuting | | 3,000.00 |
| Radar Calibration | | 158.46 |
| Radios | | 733.00 |
| RSA Updates & Law Books | | 469.82 |
| Safety Equipment | | 536.18 |
| Telephone | | 2,524.43 |
| Training/Conferences | | 15.00 |
| Uniforms | | |
| Cleaning/Repairs | 444.00 | |
| New | <u>6,821.40</u> | 7,265.40 |
| Vehicles | | |
| Gas/Mileage Reimbursed | 10,419.18 | |
| Maintenance | 3,439.16 | |
| Repairs | 219.95 | |
| Supplies | <u>312.61</u> | 14,390.90 |

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| Salaries & Wages | | | |
| Officers | | 145,532.15 | |
| Overtime | | 6,545.15 | |
| Special Investigations | | 142.67 | |
| Specials (Part-time Officers) | | 19,745.43 | |
| Training | | 1,409.80 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |
| Health Insurance | | 23,394.04 | |
| Payroll Taxes | | 3,921.10 | |
| Retirement – Town Contribution | | 30,671.13 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | | 930.00 | |
| Workers Compensation | | 5,166.00 | 287,467.15 |
| 4220 Fire Department | | | |
| General Expenses | | | |
| Administration and Supplies | | 1,096.86 | |
| Building Maintenance | | | |
| Cleaning | 1,175.00 | | |
| Electricity | 3,423.03 | | |
| Maintenance | <u>1,720.47</u> | 6,318.50 | |
| Dues and Subscriptions | | 572.29 | |
| Gas and Diesel | | 1,496.01 | |
| Heating Oil | | 8,370.59 | |
| Insurance | | | |
| Building & Equipment | 405.00 | | |
| Commercial Auto | <u>3,494.00</u> | 3,899.00 | |
| New Equipment | | | |
| Turnout Gear | 1,415.80 | | |
| Fire Hose | 2,836.40 | | |
| Radios & Pagers | 1,907.72 | | |
| Rescue Equipment | <u>1,408.95</u> | 7,568.87 | |
| Telephone | | 648.30 | |
| Training and Prevention | | 355.00 | |
| Vehicles and Equipment | | 4,738.14 | |
| Salaries & Wages | | | |
| Fireman's Annual Pay | | 36,450.50 | |
| Fireman's Fund | | 1,999.00 | |
| Inspections | | 2,730.00 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |
| Payroll Taxes | | 3,056.93 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | | 435.00 | |
| Workers Compensation | | <u>2,056.00</u> | 82,711.66 |
| 4221 Life Squad | | | |
| General Expenses | | | |
| Billing & Collections Fee | | 3,155.67 | |
| Building Maintenance | | 1,321.10 | |

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| Equipment | | 1,000.00 | |
| Radios & Pagers | | 374.41 | |
| Rescue Booker | | 417.50 | |
| Supplies | | 3,873.28 | |
| Telephone | | 355.56 | |
| Training | | 1,060.00 | |
| Uniforms | | 646.50 | |
| Vehicles | | | |
| Commercial Auto Insurance | 890.00 | | |
| Gas & Diesel | 1,897.59 | | |
| Maintenance | <u>2,434.12</u> | 5,221.71 | |
| Wages & Benefits | | | |
| Wages | 24,912.33 | | |
| Payroll Taxes | 1,936.31 | | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 158.00 | | |
| Workers Compensation | <u>721.00</u> | 27,727.64 | 45,153.37 |
| 4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fires) | | | |
| General Expenses | | | |
| New Equipment | | 938.21 | |
| Supplies | | 355.94 | |
| Vehicles | | | |
| Gas, Diesel & Oil | 632.72 | | |
| Insurance | 346.00 | | |
| Maintenance | <u>187.80</u> | 1,166.52 | |
| Salary & Wages | | | |
| Fire Fighting Pay | 279.57 | | |
| Fire Fighting Training | <u>135.54</u> | 415.11 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |
| Payroll Taxes | | <u>26.85</u> | 2,902.63 |
| 4299 Dispatch Phone Lines | | | |
| 8123 Phone Line | | 910.45 | |
| Grafton County Dispatch | | <u>28,097.50</u> | 29,007.95 |
| HIGHWAYS AND STREETS | | | |
| 4312 Highway Department | | | |
| General Expenses | | | |
| Building Maintenance | | 2,837.42 | |
| Equipment | | | |
| Maintenance | 3,154.80 | | |
| New | 7,750.00 | | |
| Repairs | <u>2,770.25</u> | 13,675.05 | |
| Gas and Diesel | | 30,680.00 | |
| Gravel | | 9,427.00 | |
| Insurance | | | |
| Building & Equipment | 349.00 | | |

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| Commercial Auto | <u>3,676.00</u> | 4,025.00 | |
| Newspaper Notices | | 56.50 | |
| New Tools | | 159.17 | |
| Radios/Radio Repair | | 1,170.00 | |
| Random Drug Tests | | 55.00 | |
| Safety | | 213.41 | |
| Roadside Mowing | | 2,400.00 | |
| Sand and Salt | | 21,054.93 | |
| Street Sweeping | | 2,475.84 | |
| Supplies | | 5,869.30 | |
| Telephone | | 1,664.20 | |
| Training/Workshops | | 390.00 | |
| Uniforms | | 439.99 | |
| Vehicles | | | |
| Maintenance | 3,834.49 | | |
| Repairs | <u>22,282.25</u> | 26,116.74 | |
| Salaries & Wages | | | |
| Wages | | 129,340.11 | |
| Overtime | | 11,533.56 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |
| Health Insurance | | 41,168.95 | |
| Payroll Taxes | | 10,773.47 | |
| Retirement | | 2,499.00 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | | 903.00 | |
| Workers Compensation | | 4,748.00 | |
| Highway Improvement | | <u>45,199.73</u> | 368,875.37 |
| 4316 Utilities | | | |
| Cable Consortium | | 56.00 | |
| Street Lighting | | <u>20,801.59</u> | 20,857.59 |
| HEALTH | | | |
| 4415 Health Agencies | | | |
| American Red Cross | | 470.00 | |
| Ammonoosuc Community Health Services | | 2,500.00 | |
| CASA | | 500.00 | |
| Grafton County Senior Citizens | | 1,000.00 | |
| Littleton Regional Hospital | | 1,575.00 | |
| North Country Home Health | | 2,750.00 | |
| North Country YMCA | | 250.00 | |
| Support Center at Burch House | | 520.00 | |
| White Mountain Mental Health | | <u>1,292.00</u> | 10,857.00 |
| WELFARE | | | |
| 4442 Welfare | | | |
| General Assistance | | 3,348.90 | |
| Tri-County Community Action | | <u>2,600.00</u> | 5,948.90 |

CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Recreation Director | 23,649.15 | |
| Youth Director | 18,155.88 | |
| Recreation Director Expense | 641.44 | |
| Spring Programs | | |
| League Fees | 500.00 | |
| Supplies & Equipment | 587.64 | |
| Umpire Fees/Clinics | 120.00 | |
| Uniforms | 1,199.78 | |
| Winter Program | | |
| Supplies | 145.43 | |
| Rink and Ice Skating | | |
| Equipment Maintenance | 3,699.98 | |
| Rink Maintenance | 65.46 | |
| Supplies/Newspaper Notices | 127.73 | |
| Utilities | 1,882.05 | |
| Dow Field Playground Fund | 1,920.00 | |
| Rink Maintenance Fund | 2,000.00 | |
| Soccer | | |
| Referees | 310.00 | |
| Supplies | 19.99 | |
| Tournament Expense | 580.00 | |
| Uniforms | 1,652.84 | |
| Summer Recreation | | |
| Adventure Program | 1,482.95 | |
| Pool & Facilities | 725.00 | |
| Staff Workshops/Training | 180.00 | |
| Supplies | 1,170.35 | |
| Transportation | 2,797.80 | |
| Uniforms | 952.87 | |
| Salaries & Wages | 19,491.40 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | |
| Health Insurance | 14,030.52 | |
| Payroll Taxes | 4,681.38 | |
| Retirement-Town | 884.00 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 278.00 | |
| Workers Compensation | <u>1,640.00</u> | |

105,571.64

4521 Parks

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|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Dow Field | | |
| Electricity | 210.54 | |
| Field Maintenance | 426.52 | |
| Portable Toilets | <u>1,284.00</u> | 1,921.06 |
| Parks Maintenance | | 1,187.50 |
| Supplies | | 1,123.88 |
| Wages | | 13,338.00 |

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| Payroll Taxes | <u>1,020.35</u> | 18,590.79 |
| 4583 Patriotic Purpose | | 1,000.00 |
| 4589 Museums- Building Insurance | | 311.00 |
| 4619 Conservation | | |
| General Expenses | | |
| Dues | 200.00 | |
| Plantings | <u>87.72</u> | 287.72 |
| DEBT SERVICE | | |
| 4711 Principal – Long Term Bond | 20,928.53 | |
| 4721 Interest – Long Term Bond | 17,171.47 | |
| 4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Note | <u>2,079.54</u> | 40,179.54 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY | | |
| 4902 Vehicles & Equipment | | |
| Article 5 – 2012 Cardiac Monitor | | 30,000.00 |
| 4903 Buildings | | |
| Energy Upgrades 2012 | 44,089.90 | |
| Highway Salt Shed | 12,156.89 | |
| Town Building Flat Roof | 2,700.00 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Roof | <u>20,742.15</u> | 79,688.94 |
| 4909 Other Improvements | | |
| Dow Field | 1,500.00 | |
| Highway Improvements | | |
| Wallace Hill Road | 107,302.19 | |
| Sunset Lane | <u>8,112.72</u> | 116,914.91 |
| INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT | | |
| 4912 Special Revenue Funds | | |
| Library Appropriation | 80,649.00 | |
| Transfer Station Appropriation | <u>75,819.00</u> | 156,468.00 |
| SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES | | |
| 4915 Capital Reserve Fund | | |
| Fire Department Safety Equipment | 10,000.00 | |
| Fire Truck – Equipment | 7,800.00 | |
| Fire Truck – Pumper | 15,000.00 | |
| Fire Truck – Tanker | 22,500.00 | |
| Highway Heavy Equipment | 8,500.00 | |
| Highway Trucks | 52,050.00 | |
| Life Squad Ambulance | 11,500.00 | |

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| Police Cruisers | 15,000.00 | |
| Reassessment | 8,500.00 | |
| Town Buildings & Grounds Equipment | 5,500.00 | |
| Town Buildings Truck | 6,000.00 | |
| Transfer Station Equipment | <u>6,500.00</u> | 168,850.00 |
| 4916 Expendable Trust Funds | | |
| Highway Improvement | 60,000.00 | |
| Library Building Maintenance | 5,000.00 | |
| Sidewalk Improvement | <u>1,000.00</u> | <u>66,000.00</u> |
| SUB-TOTAL | | \$1,960,757.88 |
| ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS | | 8,469.41 |
| WATER DEPARTMENT LIENS | | 9,952.24 |
| PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS | | |
| 4931 Grafton County Tax | | 458,614.00 |
| 4933 School Districts | | |
| Lafayette Regional School District | 1,349,405.00 | |
| Profile School District | <u>1,498,540.00</u> | 2,847,945.00 |
| 4939 State of New Hampshire | | |
| Animal Population Control | 198.00 | |
| Dog Licenses | 49.50 | |
| Marriage Licenses | 342.00 | |
| Vital Records | <u>272.00</u> | <u>861.50</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | | \$5,286,600.03 |
| TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out) | | |
| 4332 Water Department | | |
| Cell Phones | 1,306.87 | |
| Computer Support | 1,290.53 | |
| Insurance – Buildings | 753.00 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Electricity | 966.84 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil | 1,206.32 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Maintenance | 300.88 | |
| Newspaper Ads | 38.00 | |
| Payroll Taxes | 118.15 | |
| Supplies | 138.93 | |
| Wages | 1,688.07 | |
| Water Payments Paid With Taxes | 4,433.66 | |
| Workers Compensation | <u>640.00</u> | 12,881.25 |

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| Cobra Payments | 1,092.81 |
| Dow Concerts | 3,800.00 |
| Dow Field Playground | 350.47 |
| Halloween Cup Expense | 215.00 |
| 4 th of July Fireworks | 2,500.00 |
| Hazardous Mitigation | 2,400.00 |
| Police Coverage | 420.00 |
| Recreation field Trip Fees | 669.00 |
| Recreation Transportation | 300.00 |
| Tax Anticipation Note | 230,000.00 |
| Village Water Project | 5,549.74 |
| Water Project Annual Loan Payment from Water Department | <u>71,488.00</u> |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS | \$ 331,666.27 |

**TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

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|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Balance | | \$ 126,587.21 |
| Income | | |
| Town of Franconia | 75,819.00 | |
| Town of Sugar Hill | 48,116.00 | |
| Town of Easton | 21,871.00 | |
| PAYT Bags | 84,659.93 | |
| Special Handling Fees | 22,570.21 | |
| Recycled Material | 23,628.78 | |
| Interest Earned | <u>99.62</u> | 276,764.54 |
| Expenses | | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | | |
| MSW Hauling | 6,779.93 | |
| MSW Tipping | 31,321.41 | |
| Bulky Disposal | | |
| Roll Off Hauling | 8,550.90 | |
| Roll Off Tipping | 18,976.29 | |
| Tires | 376.50 | |
| Electronics | 2,236.40 | |
| Other | 5,260.67 | |
| Utilities | 6,229.84 | |
| General Expenses | | |
| Dues | 1,987.90 | |
| PAYT Bags | 13,259.65 | |
| Insurance | 631.00 | |
| Mileage | 109.45 | |
| Safety Equipment | 692.55 | |
| Supplies & Baling Wire | 2,491.49 | |
| Oil & Gas | 1,101.38 | |
| Training & Certification | 300.00 | |
| Uniforms | 152.26 | |
| Equipment Maintenance | 1,366.96 | |
| Wages | 111,557.39 | |
| Benefits | | |
| Health Insurance | 26,648.28 | |
| Retirement | 2,652.00 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 788.00 | |
| Workers' Compensation | 3,013.00 | |
| Payroll Taxes | <u>8,537.50</u> | <u>255,065.75</u> |
| Ending Balance | | \$ 148,286.00 |

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Lafayette Regional School

March 12, 2013 – 7:00 PM

Polls open from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one million four hundred ninety-six thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine dollars (\$1,496,739.00) to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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| Executive | \$106,249.00 |
| Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics | 39,124.00 |
| Financial Administration | 60,596.00 |
| Revaluation of Property | 19,562.00 |
| Legal Expenses | 7,000.00 |
| Planning & Zoning | 5,400.00 |
| General Government Buildings | 93,715.00 |
| Cemeteries | 16,813.00 |
| Insurance..... | 8,112.00 |
| Advertising & Regional Associations..... | 12,681.00 |
| (Chamber of Commerce..... | 10,000.00) |
| (North Country Council..... | 1,985.00) |
| (Regional Airport..... | 696.00) |

PUBLIC SAFETY

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|----------------------------|------------|
| Police | 331,774.00 |
| Fire..... | 87,900.00 |
| Life Squad | 54,964.00 |
| Forest Fire..... | 3,578.00 |
| Emergency Management | 3,000.00 |
| Dispatch Phone Lines | 30,000.00 |
| (Franconia's Share..... | 29,500.00) |

HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....401,020.00

UTILITIES

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| | 21,500.00 |
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HEALTH & HOSPITALS.....12,332.00

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| (American Red Cross..... | 470.00) |
| (Ammonoosuc Community Health.... | 4,000.00) |
| (CASA | 500.00) |
| (Grafton Co. Senior Citizens | 750.00) |
| (Health Officer..... | 300.00) |
| (Littleton Regional Hospital | 1,500.00) |
| (North Country Home Health | 2,750.00) |
| (North Country YMCA..... | 250.00) |
| (Support Center – Burch House..... | 520.00) |
| (White Mt. Mental Health..... | 1,292.00) |

WELFARE

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| | 7,600.00 |
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| (General Assistance | 5,000.00) |
| (CAP | 2,600.00) |

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| CULTURE & RECREATION | |
| Recreation Programs..... | 111,179.00 |
| (Franconia's Share | 50,661.00) |
| Parks | 19,706.00 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 1,000.00 |
| Museums..... | 334.00 |
| CONSERVATION | 1,000.00 |
| DEBT SERVICE | 40,600.00 |
| TOTAL..... (Franconia's Share \$1,435,721.00) |\$1,496,739.00 |

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred forty-one thousand dollars (\$141,000.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Town Buildings Truck, \$5,600; Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment, \$6,100; Highway Trucks, \$48,500; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$9,000; Police Cruisers, \$6,400; Life Squad Van, \$11,000; Fire Equipment Truck, \$6,300; Fire Pumper Truck, \$14,400; Fire Truck Tanker, \$15,200; Fire Safety Equipment, \$10,000; and Reassessment, \$8,500.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-six thousand dollars (\$136,000.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Highway Improvement, \$120,000; Town Buildings Maintenance, \$15,000; and Sidewalk Improvement, \$1,000.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to purchase a 6 wheeler truck for the Highway department and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$105,700.00) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to come from trading in the 1995 10 wheeler, and to raise nineteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$19,300.00) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred two thousand seven hundred eighty dollars (\$302,780.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and capital improvements to included the purchase of a skid steer and to pave the entrance of the Transfer Station, with (\$6,055.00) to come from the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and (\$4,420.00) from the Transfer Station Improvements Capital Reserve Fund, (\$5,000.00) from trading in the 2006 skid steer, (\$55,367.00) from the Town of Sugar Hill, (\$25,167.00) from the Town of Easton, (\$84,000.00) PAYT Fees, (\$22,500.00) Special Handling Fees, (\$23,500) in Recycled

Material, and to raise (\$76,771.00) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty one thousand dollars (\$81,000.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to repair the Abbie Greenleaf Library steps. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to repair the Abbie Greenleaf Library sidewalk. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200.00) to repair and coat the metal barn roof and restore the cupola of the Franconia Area Heritage Museum. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Life Squad Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200.00) for this purpose and furthermore name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Frost Place Maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand nine hundred dollars (\$3,900.00) for this purpose and furthermore name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand four hundred and sixty four dollars (\$12,464.00) for the purpose of repairing the Dow Academy Clock Tower roof. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the town vote to support the establishment of the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest in conjunction with neighboring communities and direct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a representative to such governing body as will be formed for the purpose of holding and managing that Community Forest. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to “qualified organizations” for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property? The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to help support the programs of the Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country in their mission to enrich the quality of life of people with disabilities. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 (one-thousand and no dollars) to support the Boys & Girls Club of the North country in order to provide a healthy, safe, and productive after school environment for children from Franconia and other area towns. (By petition) The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to help support The Center for New Beginnings in Littleton, which provides counseling and mental health services to individuals throughout the North Country. In 2012, The Center for New Beginnings provided services for 29 individuals who reside in the Town of Franconia. (By petition) The selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 21: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

John Lachapelle
Roland Barnaby
Ted Hoyle
Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – REVENUE

| SOURCES OF REVENUE | Estimated 2012 | Actual 2012 | Estimated 2013 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| TAXES: | | | |
| 3120 Land Use Change Taxes | \$ 3,800.00 | \$ 3,809.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 3185 Yield Taxes | 5,000.00 | 2,878.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes | 64,050.00 | 64,050.00 | 60,000.00 |
| 3190 Interest & Penalties | 19,000.00 | 24,479.00 | 15,000.00 |
| LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES: | | | |
| 3210 Business Permits | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 3220 Motor Vehicles | 196,000.00 | 200,081.00 | 190,000.00 |
| 3230 Building Permits | 1,600.00 | 2,364.00 | 2,500.00 |
| 3290 Other Fees – Town Clerk | 5,500.00 | 6,680.00 | 5,500.00 |
| FROM STATE: | | | |
| 3351 Shared Revenues | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| 3352 Meals & Rooms Tax | 49,748.00 | 49,740.00 | 45,000.00 |
| 3353 Highway Block Grant | 47,036.00 | 47,036.00 | 45,000.00 |
| 3359 Other (Forestry Grant) | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | -0- |
| FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS: | | | |
| 3379 Town of Easton | 32,547.00 | 31,932.00 | 36,055.00 |
| 3379 Town of Sugar Hill | 79,545.00 | 77,472.00 | 87,497.00 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES: | | | |
| 3401 Income from Departments | 34,500.00 | 37,024.00 | 34,500.00 |
| 3409 PAYT Fees, etc. | 120,000.00 | 130,859.00 | 130,000.00 |
| 3409 Recreation Enrollment Fees | 22,300.00 | 27,112.00 | 22,300.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES: | | | |
| 3501 Sale of Municipal Property | 1,965.00 | 5,815.00 | 30,000.00 |
| 3502 Interest on Investments | 700.00 | 879.00 | 700.00 |
| INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN: | | | |
| 3915 Capital Reserve Funds | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 116,175.00 |
| 3916 Trust Funds (Cemetery) | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | -0- |
| 3917 Expendable Trust Funds | -0- | 195,104.00 | -0- |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | | |
| Fund Balance (Surplus) | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 | -0- |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$738,541.00 | \$962,564.00 | \$826,477.00 |

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – EXPENDITURES

| PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION | Approp. 2012 | Actual 2012 | Estimated 2013 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT: | | | |
| 4130 Executive | \$ 105,198.00 | \$ 100,062.00 | \$106,249.00 |
| 4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats. | 30,826.00 | 29,720.00 | 39,124.00 |
| 4150 Financial Administration | 56,950.00 | 56,657.00 | 60,596.00 |
| 4152 Revaluation of Property | 9,500.00 | 9,450.00 | 19,562.00 |
| 4153 Legal Expense | 5,000.00 | 6,693.00 | 7,000.00 |
| 4191 Planning & Zoning | 5,650.00 | 3,495.00 | 5,400.00 |
| 4194 General Gov't. Buildings | 91,437.00 | 84,021.00 | 93,715.00 |
| 4195 Cemeteries | 16,980.00 | 12,731.00 | 16,813.00 |
| 4196 Insurance | 7,700.00 | 7,676.00 | 8,112.00 |
| 4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc. | 12,685.00 | 12,685.00 | 12,681.00 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY: | | | |
| 4210 Police | 308,328.00 | 287,467.00 | 331,774.00 |
| 4220 Fire | 86,690.00 | 82,712.00 | 87,900.00 |
| 4221 Life Squad | 54,499.00 | 45,153.00 | 54,964.00 |
| 4290 Forest Fire | 3,578.00 | 2,903.00 | 3,578.00 |
| 4291 Emergency Management | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 4299 Dispatch Phone Line | 30,000.00 | 29,008.00 | 30,000.00 |
| HIGHWAYS & STREETS: | | | |
| 4312 Highway Department | 359,517.00 | 368,875.00 | 401,020.00 |
| 4316 Utilities | 21,500.00 | 20,858.00 | 21,500.00 |
| HEALTH: | | | |
| 4415 Health Officer & Agencies | 11,157.00 | 10,857.00 | 12,332.00 |
| WELFARE: | | | |
| 4442 Direct Assistance & CAP | 8,600.00 | 5,949.00 | 7,600.00 |
| CULTURE & RECREATION: | | | |
| 4520 Recreation | 109,056.00 | 105,572.00 | 111,179.00 |
| 4521 Parks | 17,910.00 | 18,591.00 | 19,706.00 |
| 4583 Patriotic Purposes | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 4589 Museums | 311.00 | 311.00 | 334.00 |
| CONSERVATION | | | |
| 4619 General Expenses | 1,000.00 | 210.00 | 1,000.00 |
| DEBT SERVICE: | | | |
| 4711-4723 Interest/Principal | 40,600.00 | 40,180.00 | 40,600.00 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY: | | | |
| 4902 Vehicles & Equipment FY2013 | | | |
| Article 5: Highway Truck | -0- | -0- | 150,000.00 |
| 4903 Town Buildings FY2012 | | | |
| EFT: Safety Services Bldg Maintenance | -0- | 17,170.00 | -0- |
| EFT: Town Buildings Maintenance | -0- | 62,519.00 | -0- |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 4909 Other Improvements | | | |
| EFT: Highway Improvement | -0- | 115,415.00 | -0- |
| 4912 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | | | |
| Transfer Station/Recycling Center | 265,806.00 | 265,806.00 | 302,780.00 |
| Library | 80,649.00 | 80,649.00 | 81,000.00 |
| SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES: | | | |
| CRF: Town Buildings Truck | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 5,600.00 |
| CRF: Buildings & Grounds Equipment | 5,500.00 | 5,500.00 | 6,100.00 |
| CRF: Highway Trucks | 52,050.00 | 52,050.00 | 48,500.00 |
| CRF: Highway Heavy Equipment | 8,500.00 | 8,500.00 | 9,000.00 |
| CRF: Police Cruiser | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 6,400.00 |
| CRF: Life Squad Van | 11,500.00 | 11,500.00 | 11,000.00 |
| CRF: Fire Truck (Equipment) | 7,800.00 | 7,800.00 | 6,300.00 |
| CRF: Fire Truck (Pumper) | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 14,400.00 |
| CRF: Fire Truck (Tanker) | 22,500.00 | 22,500.00 | 15,200.00 |
| CRF: Fire Safety Equipment | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| CRF: Transfer Station Equipment | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 | -0- |
| CRF: Reassessment | 8,500.00 | 8,500.00 | 8,500.00 |
| CRF: Life Squad | -0- | -0- | 3,200.00 |
| ETF: Highway Improvement | 60,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 120,000.00 |
| ETF: Sidewalks | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| EFT: Library Maintenance | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | -0- |
| EFT: Rink Maintenance | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| EFT: Town Buildings Maintenance | -0- | -0- | 15,000.00 |
| EFT: Frost Place Maintenance | -0- | -0- | 3,900.00 |
| INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES: | | | |
| FY 2012 | | | |
| Article 5: Cardiac Monitor | 30,000.00 | 30,000.00 | -0- |
| Article 9: Dow Field Playground | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | -0- |
| Article 19: Boys & Girls Club | -0- | -0- | 1,000.00 |
| FY2013 | | | |
| Article 9: Library Steps Repairs | -0- | -0- | 10,000.00 |
| Article 10: Library Sidewalk Repairs | -0- | -0- | 5,000.00 |
| Article 11: Museum Cupola | -0- | -0- | 5,200.00 |
| Article 14: Dow Clock Tower Roof | -0- | -0- | 12,464.00 |
| Article 18: Adaptive Sports | -0- | -0- | 500.00 |
| Article 20: Center for New Beginnings | -0- | -0- | 1,000.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$2,010,477.00 | \$2,152,745.00 | \$2,351,783.00 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

| | Appropriations | Receipts & Reimbursements |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Executive | \$ 105,198.00 | \$ 780.00 |
| Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics | 30,826.00 | 650.00 |
| Financial Administration | 56,950.00 | 10.00 |
| Revaluation of Property | 9,500.00 | -0- |
| Legal Expenses | 5,000.00 | -0- |
| | | |
| Planning & Zoning | 5,650.00 | -0- |
| General Government Buildings | 91,437.00 | -0- |
| Cemeteries | 16,980.00 | 1,136.00 |
| Insurance | 7,700.00 | -0- |
| Advertising & Regional Associations | 12,685.00 | -0- |
| | | |
| Police | 308,328.00 | 741.00 |
| Fire | 86,690.00 | -0- |
| Life Squad | 54,499.00 | 117.00 |
| Forest Fire | 3,578.00 | 190.00 |
| Dispatch Phone Lines | 30,000.00 | (45.00) |
| | | |
| Highway Department | 359,517.00 | 450.00 |
| Utilities | 21,500.00 | -0- |
| Health Officer & Agencies | 11,157.00 | -0- |
| Welfare | 8,600.00 | 200.00 |
| Recreation | 109,056.00 | 4,812.00 |
| | | |
| Parks | 17,910.00 | 250.00 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 1,000.00 | -0- |
| Museums | 311.00 | -0- |
| Conservation | 1,000.00 | -0- |
| Interest | 40,600.00 | 179.00 |
| TOTALS | \$1,395,672.00 | \$9,470.00 |

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012

| Total Amount Available | Expenditures | Unexpended Balances | Overdrafts |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| \$105,978.00 | \$ 100,062.00 | \$ 5,916.00 | \$ -0- |
| 31,476.00 | 29,720.00 | 1,756.00 | -0- |
| 56,960.00 | 56,657.00 | 303.00 | -0- |
| 9,500.00 | 9,450.00 | 50.00 | -0- |
| 5,000.00 | 6,693.00 | -0- | 1,693.00 |
| 5,650.00 | 3,495.00 | 2,155.00 | -0- |
| 91,437.00 | 84,021.00 | 7,416.00 | -0- |
| 18,116.00 | 12,731.00 | 5,385.00 | -0- |
| 7,700.00 | 7,676.00 | 24.00 | -0- |
| 12,685.00 | 12,685.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 309,069.00 | 287,467.00 | 21,602.00 | -0- |
| 86,690.00 | 82,712.00 | 3,978.00 | -0- |
| 54,616.00 | 45,153.00 | 9,463.00 | -0- |
| 3,768.00 | 2,903.00 | 865.00 | -0- |
| 29,955.00 | 29,008.00 | 947.00 | -0- |
| 359,967.00 | 368,875.00 | -0- | 8,908.00 |
| 21,500.00 | 20,858.00 | 642.00 | -0- |
| 11,157.00 | 10,857.00 | 300.00 | -0- |
| 8,800.00 | 5,949.00 | 2,851.00 | -0- |
| 113,868.00 | 105,572.00 | 8,296.00 | -0- |
| 18,160.00 | 18,591.00 | -0- | 431.00 |
| 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 311.00 | 311.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 1,000.00 | 210.00 | 790.00 | -0- |
| <u>40,779.00</u> | <u>40,180.00</u> | <u>599.00</u> | <u>-0-</u> |
| \$1,405,142.00 | \$1,342,836.00 | \$73,338.00 | \$11,032.00 |

NOTES

2013 – 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The 2013 – 2017 Capital Improvements Plan was completed by a group of five citizens, appointed by the Planning Board. The Committee worked from October 2012 through January 2013 on this year's CIP. The plan was adopted by the Franconia Planning Board and accepted by the Select Board in January 2013.

Preparation of the plan involved the Committee interviewing and interacting with the Town Operational Department Heads, the Fire and Life Squad Chiefs, and the Town's Select Board and Administration to collect their anticipated capital needs, and the priority of the needs, for the time frame 2013-2017. These individual requests were then laid out in an annualized schedule and analyzed relative to the Town's need to maintain critical assets and the need to raise monies to fund the projects in the future.

All Department Heads attempted to find savings and efficiency in this year's requests and will be looking for savings in future years.

These activities resulted in The CIP Committee revising the long range capital plan presented in 2012 due to an increase in the money required to repair and maintain town roads and buildings and emergency repairs needed at the library, the Heritage Museum and Frost Place. As a result, the 2013 plan of \$361,700 is 39.2% higher than the 2012 plan of \$259,850 and future years are increased accordingly.

A draft of the CIP was published and made available for the citizens' review. This draft plan reflected a recommendation for Capital appropriations in 2013. A Public Hearing was then held to elicit public comment on the draft. There was discussion and questions but no request for change was received. On January 28, the draft CIP was presented to the Planning Board and, after thorough review, was accepted.

The CIP Committee would like to highlight a few specific findings and concerns that it recommends receive further consideration by the CIP, Planning and Select Boards as well as the community at large:

1) The CIP Committee recommends to the Select Board that a Capital Acceptance Plan (CAP) or similar process be established for the large infrastructure projects that have been recommended by the Infrastructure Study Group (ISG.) A CAP type process would assist the Town Administrators and the standing Committees, working with the citizenry, to establish the best strategy for the execution of a given project(s) and secure its acceptance for funding. This effort would take into consideration the current Master Plan, CIP Budget and ISG recommendations, in crafting an acceptable and effective strategy to address the Town's substantial infrastructure needs.

2) The CIP recommends that the Road Agent, BOS, and CIP continue to work to finalize the strategic road plan over the next year and develop a detailed plan with priorities for reconstructions for the next 5 years. This year a budget recommendation for long term funding was developed. Our town has 13 miles of paved roads and to reconstruct all would cost \$1.4 million. In the past Capital Improvement Plans we recommended \$60,000 annually for this. With present cost this allows for the roads to be reconstructed

every 24 years only. This year the CIP recommends this to be increased to \$120,000 annually allowing the roads to be reconstructed every 12 years.

3) The CIP Committee recommends that all operating Department's generated revenue sources be analyzed and their review be integrated into the Town's budgeting process, specifically, the Transfer Station, Life Squad and Recreation Departments' revenue streams. The Committee believes that the generation of these revenues, and their use to offset expenses, be carefully considered.

4) The CIP Committee also recommends that the BOS develop a comprehensive plan to pursue available grants for offsetting the Town's future capital needs. All Departments should be encouraged to seek grants related to their specific needs and resources should be provided for them in these efforts.

Finally, The CIP Committee would like to thank all Town employees, administrators, board members and citizens for their generous contributions of time and consideration in establishing and delivering Franconia's 2013-2017 CIP. We are hopeful that the plan and process will be an important aid to the Select Board in their annual budgeting and result in improved capital planning and investment for the Town of Franconia.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Costa, Phil Hetzner, John Lachapelle (Selectmen's Representative),
Mogens Jessen, Bob Montagno, Brian Williams, - The CIP Committee

VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2012 Cardiac Monitor | 30,000.00 | 27,000.00 | 10 | 3,000.00 |
| 2012 Pressure Washer | 1,560.00 | 1,248.00 | 5 | 312.00 |
| 2012 Difibtech Lifeline AED | 732.00 | 587.00 | 5 | 145.00 |
| 2009 Ford Equipment Truck | \$140,000.00 | \$112,000.00 | 20 | \$7,000.00 |
| 2008 Kenworth T300 | 146,548.00 | 109,913.00 | 20 | 7,327.00 |
| Emergency Generator | 15,000.00 | 8,250.00 | 20 | 750.00 |
| 2004 Rescue Tools | 20,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 10 | 2,000.00 |
| 2003 Kenworth Pumper Truck | 215,000.00 | 107,375.00 | 20 | 10,750.00 |
| 2008 Ambulance | 135,000.00 | 67,500.00 | 10 | 13,500.00 |
| 1978 Ford Attack Pumper | 40,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1934 LaFrance Pumper (antique) | | -0- | | -0- |
| Scott Air Pack (10) | 14,250.00 | 1,546.00 | 20 | 705.00 |
| 2009 Protective Gear | 2,897.00 | 581.00 | 5 | 579.00 |
| 2010 Protective Gear | 3,653.00 | 1,460.00 | 5 | 731.00 |
| 2011 Protective Gear | 1,511.00 | 907.00 | 5 | 302.00 |
| 2009 Ice Rescue Gear | 754.00 | 150.00 | 5 | 151.00 |
| Protective Gear | 15,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Fire Hose & Fittings | 29,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Smoke Ejectors (2) | 684.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Nozzles & Deck Guns | 10,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1997 Mini Responder Kit (Life Squad) | 393.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 2011 Computer | 1,064.00 | 638.00 | 5 | 213.00 |
| Communications Equipment: | | | | |
| David Clark Headsets | 3,636.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 2011 Pagers & Radios | 2,375.00 | 1,425.00 | 5 | 475.00 |
| Portable Radios & Beepers | 47,775.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Base Radio | 3,500.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Totals | \$880,332.00 | \$442,580.00 | | \$47,940.00 |

POLICE EQUIPMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2011 Ford Crown Victoria | \$27,200.00 | 9,066.00 | 3 | \$9,067.00 |
| 2010 Ford Expedition | 38,600.00 | 15,440.00 | 5 | 7,720.00 |
| 2007 Spec. Mountain Bike | 350.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 2002 Astro Portable Radios (4) | 9,758.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1999 Eagle Radar | 3,095.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 2004 Eagle Radar | 2,212.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| Matrix Personal Body Armor | 1,180.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 2002 Sony Camcorder | 650.00 | -0- | 6 | -0- |
| 2008 Video Cameras (2) | 7,990.00 | 4,794.00 | 10 | 799.00 |
| 2011 Video Cameras (2) | 780.00 | 624.00 | 10 | 78.00 |
| 2011 Dell Vostro Computer (2) | 2,084.00 | 1,252.00 | 5 | 416.00 |
| 2009 Laptop Computer | 749.00 | 149.00 | 5 | 150.00 |
| 2008 Cannon Printer | 649.00 | -0- | 5 | 129.00 |
| 2005 Typewriter | 575.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 2002 Colt TR (2) | 1,400.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| 2002 Colt M-16A1 (2) - (Mil. Surplus) | 150.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| 2001 Colt AR-15/6520 | 700.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| 2000 Colt TR | 700.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| Sig. 45 cal (7-1997) | 3,709.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| Sig. 9mm (1-1995) | 587.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| Sig Sauer .45 cal (1-2008) | 600.00 | 300.00 | 10 | 60.00 |
| 1998 Stinger Spikes (2) | <u>1,430.00</u> | <u>-0-</u> | 10 | <u>-0-</u> |
| Totals | \$105,148.00 | \$31,625.00 | | \$18,419.00 |

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2009 Chevrolet Truck | \$79,412.00 | \$34,032.00 | 7 | \$11,345.00 |
| 2007 Chevrolet Truck | 72,838.00 | 20,813.00 | 7 | 10,405.00 |
| 2000 Mack Truck | 71,102.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| 1995 Mack Truck | 76,702.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| 2007 Woodchipper | 23,000.00 | 9,200.00 | 10 | 2,300.00 |
| 2004 Spreader | 5,000.00 | 500.00 | 10 | 500.00 |
| 2006 Spreader | 15,000.00 | -0- | 6 | -0- |
| 2006 CAT Backhoe/Loader | 83,000.00 | 24,900.00 | 10 | 8,300.00 |
| 2006 CAT Broom | 7,500.00 | 3,000.00 | 10 | 750.00 |
| 1986 Caterpillar Grader | 55,000.00 | -0- | 15 | -0- |
| 1985 Highway Sweeper | 12,000.00 | -0- | 6 | -0- |
| 2011 Radio | 375.00 | 225.00 | 5 | 75.00 |
| Radios | 4,400.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| Snow Plow | 5,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 3 | 500.00 |
| Steam Jenny & Generator | 3,700.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| Air Impact Wrench | 650.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| Compressor | 1,163.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| 2 Chain Saws | 1,000.00 | -0- | 2 | -0- |
| Welder | <u>1,500.00</u> | <u>-0-</u> | 10 | <u>-0-</u> |
| Totals | \$518,342.00 | \$93,670.00 | | \$34,175.00 |

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2009 Dell Computer | \$1,272.00 | \$256.00 | 5 | \$254.00 |
| 2008 Dell Computer | 1,149.00 | 29.00 | 5 | 230.00 |
| 2004 Dell Computer | 1,376.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 2003 Dell Computer | 2,051.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 2008 HP LaserJet Printer | 350.00 | -0- | 5 | 70.00 |
| 1997 HP Laser Printer | 860.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 1997 Fax Machine | 399.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 1996 Motorola Portable Radio | 690.00 | -0- | 8 | -0- |
| Totals | \$8,147.00 | \$285.00 | | \$554.00 |

TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2006 Bobcat | \$ 9,452.00 | (52%) | \$-0- | 10 | \$1,352.00 |
| 2009 Baler | 6,935.00 | (52%) | 4,159.00 | 10 | 694.00 |
| 1999 Baler | 4,928.00 | (54%) | -0- | | -0- |
| 2008 Container | 1,040.00 | (52%) | 520.00 | 10 | 104.00 |
| 2001 Container | 1,863.00 | (54%) | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| 1999 Containers | 2,430.00 | (54%) | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| 2010 Trash Compactor | 7,020.00 | (52%) | 4,914.00 | 10 | 702.00 |
| Totals | \$33,668.00 | | \$9,593.00 | | \$2,852.00 |

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2006 Gravely 2602 Mower | \$ 6,800.00 | \$ -0- | 6 | \$ -0- |
| 2005 Trailer | 2,200.00 | -0- | 8 | 275.00 |
| 2010 Truck | 39,000.00 | 15,600.00 | 5 | 7,800.00 |
| 1996 Motorola Portable Radio | 690.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 2010 John Deere Tractor | 36,000.00 | 22,500.00 | 8 | 4,500.00 |
| 2005 59" Snow blower | 2,850.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 1995 Toro Snow blower | 733.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 2004 Wright Mower | 5,800.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 1992 Gravely Mower | 2,588.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1986 Gravely Sweeper | 3,900.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Totals | \$100,561.00 | \$38,100.00 | | \$ 12,575.00 |

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) completed a sanitary survey at Mittersill and listed a number of deficiencies. A plan to correct these issues was approved enabling the work to be completed over a designated time frame so as not to increase water rates.

A new meter was installed in the recently permitted well and a flow meter for the two slope side wells was calibrated and tested.

Meters were put into use for the first time for billing purposes.

Our department truck was sold to the Highway Department and surplus inventory was repurchased by EJ Prescott.

Thank you all for your support.

Richard McLachlin
Bill Downey
Marcia Graham
Franconia Water Commissioners

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Income Statement For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2012

REVENUES

Income

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Water Rents | \$253,995.70 |
| Other Income | <u>10,810.89</u> |
| Total Income | \$264,806.59 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Wages | \$ 4,206.57 |
| Software | 2,361.60 |
| Postage | 245.50 |
| Propane | 3,658.38 |
| Phone | 3,382.81 |
| Contract Labor | 59,401.50 |
| Computer Contract | 1,737.05 |
| Engineer Study | 3,117.64 |
| Water Testing | 7,680.87 |
| PSNH | 12,120.43 |
| Chlorine | 1,973.00 |
| Supplies | 3,211.83 |
| Misc. Expense | 1,606.00 |
| Repairs | 4,610.44 |
| Equipment Repairs | 3,052.50 |
| Grounds-Plowing | .00 |
| Meters | 2,067.46 |
| Fire House Utilities | 3,737.00 |
| Equipment | 467.49 |
| Truck | .00 |
| Office Supplies | 1,610.90 |
| RD Loan Payment | 71,488.00 |
| Pump Repairs | 5,604.64 |
| Legal | 1,232.92 |
| Water Projects | <u>.00</u> |
| Total Expenditures | \$198,574.53 |

Income over Expenses **\$66,232.06**

Transfers from NHPDIP to Date **\$70,000.00**

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet

For The Year Ending December 31, 2012

Accrual Basis

ASSETS

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Cash on Hand/Checking | \$ 5,208.10 |
| Reserve Account | 312,116.86 |
| Accounts Receivable | 43,191.59 |
| Stock on Hand | <u>9,252.00</u> |
| Total Assets | \$369,768.55 |

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Accounts Payable | \$ 0.00 |
| Surplus | <u>396,768.55</u> |
| Total Liabilities & Surplus | \$396,768.55 |

EQUIPMENT AT COST

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Storage Tank | \$ 392,000.00 |
| Mains | 1,110,861.00 |
| Hydrants | 56,797.00 |
| Pumps | 4,225.00 |
| Gate Valves | 134,414.00 |
| Meters | 143,849.00 |
| Pump Station/Treatment Plant | 391,000.00 |
| Tools & Equipment | <u>1,737.00</u> |
| Total Equipment at Cost | \$2,234,883.00 |

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2012

ASSETS

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash in Banks And On Hand | \$ 26,110.77 |
| Trust Investments | <u>382,688.89</u> |
| Total Assets | 408,799.66 |

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Accounts Payable | 133,891.20 |
| Permanently Restricted Funds | 217,303.42 |
| Reserved For Special Purposes | 57,605.04 |
| Unreserved Designated Fund Balance | <u>408,799.66</u> |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Equity | \$408,799.66 |

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
December 31, 2012

REVENUES

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Town Appropriation | \$ 80,649.00 |
| Non-Resident Card Fees | 483.50 |
| Bank Interest | 25.12 |
| Building Fund | -0- |
| Contributions & donations | 100.00 |
| Income to Special Accounts | 588.35 |
| Income from trust accounts | <u>31,772.32</u> |
| Total Revenues | \$ 113,618.29 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Librarian's Salary | \$ 27,091.18 |
| Other Wages | 25,389.68 |
| Payroll Expenses | 4,014.79 |
| Retirement Fund | 487.00 |
| Books | 6,930.98 |
| Bank Charges | 83.60 |
| Equipment | 377.24 |
| Insurance – Health | 11,508.65 |
| – Business | 1,036.00 |
| Utilities | 5,442.74 |
| Office & Library Expenses | 672.54 |
| Computer and Internet Expenses | 2,428.00 |
| Legal and Advertising | 71.25 |
| Dues | 150.00 |
| Training | 10.00 |
| Bookkeeping | 1,972.73 |
| Repairs & Maintenance Supplies | 5,143.29 |
| Fees Paid | 500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 870.00 |
| Copies | 20.00 |
| Children's Programs | 100.00 |
| Other Programs | 374.93 |
| Professional Development | 162.10 |
| Postage | <u>191.29</u> |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 95,027.99 |
| Other Expenses - Renovations | <u>11,664.50</u> |
| Net Income | \$ 6,925.80 |

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
 Report of Endowment Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

| FUND | PRINCIPAL | | | | INCOME | | | Ending Balance |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | Beginning Balance | Unrealized Gain (Loss) | Ending Balance | Beginning Balance | Investment Income | Disbursed to Library | Expenses | |
| Harry & Mary Priest Fund | \$ 60,633.47 | \$798.86 | \$61,432.33 | \$(12,051.74) | \$ 551.38 | \$(50,006.87) | \$74.90 | \$(61,432.33) |
| Harry & Mary Priest Fund | 34,119.55 | 549.45 | 34,669.00 | (82.32) | 1,803.04 | (1,803.04) | - | (82.32) |
| Harry & Mary Priest Fund | 73,306.01 | 138.06 | 73,444.07 | (62.12) | 1,353.20 | (1,353.20) | - | (62.12) |
| WGSB – Priest #27503248 | | | | 30,706.87 | 46.31 | | | 30,753.18 |
| Jarvis D. Blair Fund | 52,599.87 | (760.25) | 51,839.62 | - | 3,032.87 | (3,032.87) | - | - |
| Phillips Fund | 7,205.61 | 391.45 | 7,597.06 | (12.84) | 431.37 | (431.37) | - | (12.84) |
| J.C. Blair Fund | 2,500.00 | - | 2,500.00 | (1,907.24) | 1,017.88 | (867.00) | (2.55) | (1,758.91) |
| J.C. Blair Fund | 15,084.08 | 396.50 | 15,480.58 | 236.37 | 882.55 | (882.55) | - | 236.37 |
| J.C. Blair Fund | 13,517.12 | 1,388.74 | 14,905.86 | - | 421.56 | (421.56) | - | - |
| Karl Schaffner Fund | 13,932.91 | 114.95 | 14,047.86 | 116.44 | 462.03 | (462.03) | - | 116.44 |
| Lovett Fund | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 | 105.90 | 17.94 | - | - | 123.84 |
| TOTALS | \$277,898.62 | \$3,017.76 | \$280,916.38 | \$17,049.32 | \$10,020.13 | \$(59,260.49) | \$(72.35) | \$(32,118.69) |

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY - DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2012

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Services: Items Loaned | | Accessions: Library Materials | |
| Adult Fiction | 4,132 | Total on 12/31/11 | 21,387 |
| Adult Non-Fiction | 1,621 | | |
| Juvenile Fiction | 295 | Purchased | |
| Juvenile Non-fiction | 141 | Books | 127 |
| Easy Reading | 771 | Paperbacks | 26 |
| Youth Fiction | 121 | DVDs | 10 |
| Youth Non-Fiction | 1 | | |
| Periodicals | 769 | | |
| Cassettes (Books on Tape) | 40 | | |
| Books on CD | 256 | | |
| CDs | 112 | Gifts | |
| Playaways | 0 | Books | 44 |
| Puzzles | 46 | Paperbacks | 31 |
| Films | 0 | Videos | 0 |
| Videos | 93 | DVDs | 13 |
| DVDs | 990 | Books on CD | 26 |
| Audiobooks downloaded | 671 | CDs | 0 |
| eReaders | 10 | Puzzles | 7 |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>10,069</u> | eBooks | 28 |
| | | <u>Total Accessions</u> | <u>312</u> |
| Computer Users | 578 | | |
| Items Borrowed | | Withdrawn | (559) |
| From NH State Library | 7 | Total on 12/31/12 | 21,140 |
| From Other NH Libraries | 581 | | |
| From Lafayette Regional | 0 | Books on CD Leased | 9 |
| Loaned to Other NH Libraries | 363 | Periodicals Purchased | 31 |
| New Borrower Cards: | 31 | Periodicals Gift | 4 |
| | | Newspapers | 4 |
| <u>Total Active Borrowers</u> | <u>766</u> | Children's Programs | 2 |
| | | Attendance | 56 |
| | | Adult Programs | 3 |
| | | Attendance | 33 |

Respectfully submitted,
Jane A. Cloran

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

The library celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2012. The building was dedicated on December 11, 1912, given to the town by Colonel Charles Greenleaf and named after his wife, Abbie. The "Library, Books & Reading" were the theme of the Old Home Day parade. Charles and Abbie, portrayed by Dick Alberini and Fran Lavoie, were a huge hit as they greeted crowds lining the parade route. Melinda Richmond tended the library gardens and made sure they were especially colorful on Old Home Day.

The year saw the completion of a major renovation project that spanned most of 2011. Energy improvements were added throughout the building, and cost savings have already been realized. Many thanks to volunteers Amy Bahr and Angela Brigida for assisting with reshelving the books, and thanks to Laura Clerkin of the Bethlehem Public Library, Judi Weisenberger of the Richardson Library in Sugar Hill, their staff and trustees for opening their libraries to our patrons while we were closed.

The Shores Room was completely renovated. Barbara Holt searched the collection of the Franconia Heritage Museum and found antique photos of the library that are now on display. The room was the venue for several programs. A reception was held on Old Home Day, and guests enjoyed a cake decorated with a picture of the library. Poetry readings were given by Paula Bohince and Maudelle Driskell of The Frost Place. Barb Desroches performed a children's program all about New Hampshire wildlife. Meghan McCarthy McPhaul gave a presentation on her book "The History of Cannon Mountain." Kathy Lewis taught a craft program on Kanzashi flower making.

Spring took a break on May 1 with rain and cold, so the annual Maypole Dance was held indoors at the Neskaya Movement Arts Center. Many thanks to Kayla Dauphine for leading the dancers.

The library began circulating two eReaders this year. Patrons checked them out to see what they thought of the new technology, and they enjoyed reading them while traveling. Many patrons are also taking advantage of the library's subscription to the New Hampshire Downloadable Books service, and circulation increased by 138% over last year. The average cost to the library of each downloaded book is 52 cents.

New this year on the Director's Report is a count of the number of computer users. This year 578 people used a library computer or personal laptop with the library's wifi. In 2013, computers will be added to the Shores Room and new services will include scanning and color printing.

George Foss donated a wall mural that depicts the buildings on Main Street. The mural was forged in copper by Arthur Ward. Many thanks to David and Ann Ackley, Mogens and Sue Jessen, Ken and Irene Mosedale, and Harriet Taylor for donating books in honor of the centennial. And our gratitude to the following for their donations: Dorothy Crossley, The Friday Club, Juliedele McFarlane, Phil and Annie Payette, the Millicent C. Starr Charitable Trust, Jean Graf in memory of Marion Taylor Hong, and the FRESH Ladies Book Club and Richard and Barbara Langworthy in memory of Diane Chippendale.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

| | | PRINCIPAL | |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | Prin. Bal. Beginning of Year | Funds Added or Reinvested | Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities |
| <u>Expendable/Maintenance Funds:</u> | | | |
| Sidewalk Improvement | 21,220.36 | 1,023.41 | -0- |
| Highway Improvement | 66,383.78 | 60,090.68 | -0- |
| Town Buildings Maintenance | 203,836.78 | 221.12 | -0- |
| Library Building Maintenance Fund | 44.47 | 5,001.65 | -0- |
| Safety Services Facilities Improv. | 268,961.95 | 292.78 | -0- |
| Rink Surface Maintenance Fund | 441.87 | 2,000.89 | -0- |
| Cemetery Restoration | 135.47 | -0- | -0- |
| Heritage Museum | 35.78 | -0- | -0- |
| Emergency Management | 6,870.19 | 7.36 | -0- |
| | 567,930.65 | 68,637.89 | -0- |
| <u>Capital Reserve Funds:</u> | | | |
| Remedial Education | 133,552.59 | 145.32 | -0- |
| Lafayette School Maintenance | 101,798.49 | 100,142.58 | -0- |
| Bridge Construction | 7,546.77 | 8.21 | -0- |
| Reassessment | 410.57 | 8,502.89 | -0- |
| Legal | 30,229.20 | 33.03 | -0- |
| Police Cruiser | 17,085.16 | 15,023.63 | -0- |
| Handicap Access | 78.91 | -0- | -0- |
| Dow Field | 5,216.75 | 5.85 | -0- |
| Fire Truck Pumper | 40,188.40 | 15,048.68 | -0- |
| Highway Truck | 145,199.44 | 52,225.38 | -0- |
| Highway Heavy Equipment | 64,770.86 | 8,573.41 | -0- |
| Life Squad Van | 20,265.10 | 11,525.79 | -0- |
| Town Buildings Truck | 9,903.83 | 6,012.66 | -0- |
| Transfer Station Equipment | 641.84 | 6,502.37 | -0- |
| Fire Truck Equipment | 16,623.69 | 7,820.82 | -0- |
| Town Buildings & Grounds Equip | 8,920.23 | 5,511.55 | -0- |
| Fire Truck Tanker | 60,884.20 | 22,573.79 | -0- |
| Fire Dept Safety Equipment | 120,016.34 | 10,025.14 | -0- |
| Forestry Truck | 531.81 | -0- | -0- |
| School Technology Fund | 20,012.78 | 5,023.46 | -0- |
| Transfer Station Imp | 4,700.59 | 5.15 | -0- |
| | 708,367.00 | 274,709.71 | -0- |
| Bank, General Account | 102.12 | 638,467.37 | -0- |
| Cemetery Trust Fund | 94,706.67 | 1,500.00 | -0- |
| Franconia Scholarship Fund | 101,336.56 | -0- | -0- |
| Lucy Pfosi Memorial Fund | 10,005.81 | -0- | -0- |
| | 206,049.04 | 1,500.00 | -0- |

DECEMBER 31, 2012

| | | INCOME | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Expended During Year | Balance End of Year | Balance Beginning of Year | Income During Year | Expended During Year | Balance End of Year |
| -0- | 22,243.77 | -0- | 23.41 | (23.41) | -0- |
| (115,415.00) | 11,059.46 | -0- | 90.68 | (90.68) | -0- |
| (62,519.00) | 141,328.35 | -0- | 221.12 | (221.12) | -0- |
| -0- | 5,046.12 | -0- | 1.65 | (1.65) | -0- |
| (17,170.00) | 252,084.73 | -0- | 292.78 | (292.78) | -0- |
| -0- | 2,442.76 | -0- | .89 | (0.89) | -0- |
| -0- | 135.47 | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| -0- | 35.78 | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| -0- | 6,877.55 | -0- | 7.36 | (7.36) | -0- |
| <u>(195,104.00)</u> | <u>441,253.99</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>637.89</u> | <u>(637.89)</u> | <u>-0-</u> |
| -0- | 133,697.91 | -0- | 145.32 | (145.32) | -0- |
| (100,000.00) | 101,941.07 | -0- | 142.58 | (142.58) | -0- |
| -0- | 7,554.98 | -0- | 8.21 | (8.21) | -0- |
| -0- | 410.57 | -0- | 24.35 | (24.35) | -0- |
| -0- | 30,262.23 | -0- | 33.03 | (33.03) | -0- |
| -0- | 32,108.79 | -0- | 23.63 | (23.63) | -0- |
| -0- | 78.91 | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| (1,500.00) | 3,722.60 | -0- | 5.85 | (5.85) | -0- |
| -0- | 55,237.08 | -0- | 48.68 | (48.68) | -0- |
| -0- | 197,424.82 | -0- | 175.38 | (175.38) | -0- |
| -0- | 73,344.27 | -0- | 25.79 | (25.79) | -0- |
| -0- | 31,790.89 | -0- | 13.74 | (13.74) | -0- |
| -0- | 15,916.49 | -0- | 12.66 | (12.66) | -0- |
| -0- | 7,144.21 | -0- | 2.37 | (2.37) | -0- |
| -0- | 24,444.51 | -0- | 20.82 | (20.82) | -0- |
| -0- | 14,431.78 | -0- | 11.55 | (11.55) | -0- |
| -0- | 83,457.99 | -0- | 73.79 | (73.79) | -0- |
| -0- | 30,041.48 | -0- | 25.14 | (25.14) | -0- |
| -0- | 531.81 | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| -0- | 25,035.62 | -0- | 23.46 | (23.46) | -0- |
| -0- | 4,705.74 | -0- | .59 | (.59) | -0- |
| <u>(101,500.00)</u> | <u>881,788.26</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>859.71</u> | <u>(859.71)</u> | <u>-0-</u> |
| (638,479.00) | 90.49 | -0- | 13.67 | (13.67) | -0- |
| -0- | 96,206.67 | 22,475.51 | 4,589.01 | (2,000.00) | 25,421.10 |
| -0- | 101,336.56 | 3,278.03 | 4,920.74 | (3,800.00) | 4,398.77 |
| -0- | 10,005.81 | 110.49 | 302.20 | (200.00) | 212.69 |
| <u>-0-</u> | <u>207,549.04</u> | <u>25,864.03</u> | <u>9,811.95</u> | <u>(6,000.00)</u> | <u>30,032.56</u> |

FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT 2011-12

The Fire Department has seen another very busy year. Our equipment was toned out by the Grafton County Dispatch Center 82 times, between November 1, 2011 and October 31, 2012

Divided into three main categories, this represents:

- 24 Fire Alarm Activations in Franconia
- 42 Calls to Motor Vehicle Accidents in Franconia
- 16 Mutual Aid calls to assist area fire departments

All inspections are carried out by Mark Taylor, Harvey Flanders or Roger Odell. If you are installing or replacing any heating equipment an inspection is required. Please contact the station at 823-8821.

The Department has recently purchased through the State an Automatic External Defibrillator that will be carried on Rescue 2. Members of the Department are becoming CPR certified and trained to operate the AED.

The Department strongly recommends that homeowners with dial out alarm systems consider installing a Knox Box on their home. A Knox Box allows the Department access to a key if an alarm activation occurs at your home in your absence. Please contact the Department for further information.

The Fire Station, through the efforts of the Town Energy Commission, had a new energy efficient propane heating system installed.

Any resident interested in joining is invited to stop by the station. Meetings & training are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM.

We continue to work co-operatively with surrounding mutual aid communities. We want to thank the Franconia Life Squad, Franconia Police Department and the Franconia Highway Department for their ongoing co-operation and assistance during emergency situations.

We would like to thank the community for their continued support of the Department.

A Roll of Your Fire Department Members

Rick Gaudette, Chief

Roger Odell, Asst. Chief

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Cray Ball | Harvey Flanders | Kirk Luce | John Peckett |
| Kim Cowles | Peter Gaudette | Ryan O'Hara | Stanley Sherburn |
| Tim Cowles | Tyler Gaudette | Roger Odell | Brody Tuite |
| Darrel Dietlein | Rick Grima | Tom Palmer | Marc Venezia |
| Kendall Eastman | Ted Hoyle | Phil Payette | George Whitcomb |

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

In Franconia open burning requires a permit year-round. For Homeowner protection NO permit is issued without an on-site inspection.

Burn Permits may be obtained from:

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| George Whitcomb | Fire Warden | 603-823-5986 |
| Roger Odell | Deputy Fire Warden | 603-823-5340 |
| Harvey Flanders | Deputy Fire Warden | 603-823-8801 |

Thank you for your cooperation,
George Whitcomb
Forest Fire Warden

2012 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of October, 2012)

figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest

| COUNTY | ACRES | NUMBER OF FIRES |
|--------------|-------|-----------------|
| BELKNAP | 3.6 | 7 |
| CARROLL | 5.5 | 25 |
| CHESHIRE | 8.3 | 43 |
| COOS | 11.8 | 35 |
| GRAFTON | 96.5 | 59 |
| HILLSBOROUGH | 34.2 | 64 |
| MERRIMACK | 20.8 | 31 |
| ROCKINGHAM | 6.4 | 21 |
| STRAFFORD | 12.9 | 19 |
| SULLIVAN | 6 | 14 |

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Arson _____ | 14 |
| Debris _____ | 105 |
| Campfire _____ | 14 |
| Children _____ | 15 |
| Smoking _____ | 17 |
| Railroad _____ | 0 |
| Equipment _____ | 6 |
| Lightning _____ | 7 |
| Miscellaneous _____ | 140 |

* IE: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.

| | <u>Total Fire</u> | <u>Total Acres</u> |
|------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2012 | 318 _____ | 206 |
| 2011 | 125 _____ | 42 |
| 2010 | 360 _____ | 145 |
| 2009 | 334 _____ | 173 |
| 2008 | 455 _____ | 175 |

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Ambulance Service currently has five (5) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, three (3) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at year's end has fourteen (14) active members and a paramedic advisor, for a total of fifteen (15) members. The membership is well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

All members are Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians. They are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take an additional 24 hours of classroom refresher and an extensive practical exam, where members must demonstrate their proficiency to State examiners.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care from the scene to the hospital.

The Ambulance Service continues to seek its' membership by recruiting from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton, the same communities it provides service to. All volunteers are welcome to join. Each member is dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care to the communities we serve.

Active members of the Franconia Life Squad at year end were:

Chief Paul Schmucker – EMT-B

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Asst. Chief Steve Czarnecki – EMT-P | | Capt. Pam Oakman – EMT-I |
| Ned Wilson – EMT-B | Mark Taylor – EMT-B | Bill Blackwell – EMT-I |
| Ryan O'Hara – EMT-B | Allan Clark – EMT-B | William Mead – EMT-P |
| John Ireland – EMT-B | Zach Mangione – EMT-B | Linda Mordhorst – EMT-B |
| Susan Simpson – EMT-B | Gareth Slattery – EMT-B | Jeff Stewart – EMT-P |

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 191 calls for assistance during 2012, of those 77 required transport.

In 2012, the operating expenses were \$45,153. Income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill and Easton totaled \$33,117 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Ambulance to the Town of Franconia being \$12,036.

Your Ambulance is currently operating at the Advanced Life Support – paramedic level.

Again, I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support and the privilege of serving them. I especially thank the men and women of the Franconia Ambulance for their countless hours of dedication and sacrifice, serving others in their community.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Schmucker – Chief – Franconia Life Squad

FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Franconia Police Department would like to acknowledge retired Staff Sergeant Taylor for his many years of service. He began working his career in Franconia in 1992 as a part time officer and became a full time officer soon after. Staff Sergeant Taylor came to Franconia having first worked in Durham and Lisbon. During his tenure in Franconia he worked not only as a police officer but as an EMT and Emergency Management Director. He was a great help to me as I took the reigns as Chief of Police and I am grateful for his knowledge, experience and professionalism. Having served as a Police Officer in New Hampshire for twenty eight years he retired at the end of September 2012. We would like wish him well in this new chapter of his life.

With the departure of Staff Sergeant Taylor Franconia PD finds itself with an entirely new full time staff. John Monaghan is your Chief of Police, Martin Cashin is the new Sergeant and Gary Pilotte is the new full time patrolman. As you read this, Officer Pilotte is attending the 160th Police Academy session in Concord. We look forward to his return and becoming fully staffed again. More so we look forward to serving you, our citizens. I hope you will take the time to introduce yourselves to us, so that not only can we get to know you, but you can get to know us as well. I encourage each of you to stop by the station or call us with any thoughts, concerns or suggestions you may have. We are your Police Department and we are here to serve you.

Respectfully yours,
Chief John K Monaghan MS

| CRIMINAL OFFENSES | 2011 | 2012 | ARRESTS | 2011 | 2012 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Assaults | 2 | 7 | Theft | 0 | 1 |
| Sexual Assault | 0 | 3 | Driving While Intoxicated | 1 | 3 |
| Bad Checks | 1 | 1 | Kidnapping/Abduction | 0 | 0 |
| Burglary | 5 | 4 | Unlawful Possession of Alcohol | 1 | 0 |
| Computer Crime | 0 | 2 | Intimidation | 0 | 0 |
| Criminal Mischief | 8 | 9 | Simple Assault | 0 | 0 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 6 | 6 | Resisting Arrest | 0 | 0 |
| Domestic Disturbance | 8 | 16 | Conduct After Accident | 1 | 0 |
| Criminal Trespass | 6 | 7 | Domestic Violence | 1 | 4 |
| Drug Investigation | 1 | 2 | Harassment | 0 | 0 |
| Fraud | 0 | 5 | Criminal Mischief | 0 | 0 |
| Harassment (phone) | 2 | 6 | Criminal Threatening | 0 | 0 |
| Criminal Threatening | 4 | 2 | Burglary | 0 | 0 |
| Theft of Services | 3 | 27 | Shoplifting | 0 | 0 |
| Theft – All Other | 26 | 27 | Witness Tampering | 0 | 0 |
| Attempted Suicide | 5 | 0 | Criminal Trespass | 0 | 0 |
| Possession of Drugs | 0 | 2 | Disorderly Conduct | 1 | 1 |
| Possession of Alcohol | 0 | 1 | Operating w/o Valid License | 0 | 1 |
| CALLS FOR SERVICE | | | MOTOR VEHICLE | | |
| Alarms | 92 | 107 | Accidents | 58 | 64 |
| Animal Complaints | 41 | 47 | Summons & Warnings | 233 | 254 |
| 911 Hang ups | 48 | 27 | Citizen/Motorist Assists | 51 | 53 |
| Disturbance/Fight/Brawl | 8 | 5 | Suspicious Vehicles/Persons | | 20 |
| F&G/Missing Lost Persons | 47 | 44 | Disabled Vehicles | 132 | 101 |
| Noise Complaints | 5 | 4 | | | |
| | | | TOTAL INCIDENTS | 1554 | 1272 |

FRANCONIA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Franconia Highway Departments 2012 Annual Report details all maintenance and road construction completed this year as well as future plans relevant to road construction.

- All gravel roads were graded and raked a minimum of two times, with some roads requiring additional grading.
- Swept all paved roads in the spring, flushed numerous culverts in town to ensure proper drainage with many more to be done in 2013.
- Mowed all roadsides and brushed out culverts.
- Reclaimed and paved top half of Wallace Hill Road and put final coat on lower section of road.
- Reclaimed and paved top of Sunset Lane.
- Installed two (2) new drop inlets on Wallace Hill Road and 60 feet of culvert across the road.
- Additional culverts replaced as follows: (1) culvert on Oaks Road, (3) culverts on Aspen Road and (3) culverts on Iron Foundry Road.
- Put road fabric and six (6) inches of gravel on poorest spots of Iron Foundry Road and Wallace Hill Road.
- Ditched Old County Road, Iron Foundry Road, Delage Farm Road, Tucker Brook Road, Wallace Hill Road, Oaks Road and Aspen Road.
- Tore out existing Foot Bridge at the Iron Furnace and replaced with all new materials (decking and railings).
- Constructed new salt shed at Highway Department garage.

Dependent on 2013's Budget allowance, the following items are scheduled for reparation consideration:

- Reclaiming Toad Hill Road and Timber Lane adding gravel and possibly leaving them as gravel roads contingent on residential approval.
- Had very muddy roads last year due to mild Spring temperatures, hope to resolve the problem by adding much needed roadway gravel. Should have approximately 3000 yards of gravel to put on roads this summer plus additional road fabric where needed.
- Continue with ditching efforts of roadways to help with drainage.
- Reclaiming and repaving Coal Hill Road and Magowan Hill Rd.
- Along with the C.I.P., have established a twelve (12) year road plan to reclaim and repave roadways and to keep maintained in the future.
- Hopefully will be adding new Six Wheeler to our fleet replacing the 1995 Mack 10 Wheeler.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Leslie
Road Agent

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

Even though the paper commodities were down slightly (3%), we still managed to have another successful year in 2012.

- Newspaper—42.6 tons
- Cardboard—62.1 tons
- Mixed paper—44.1 tons
- Aluminum—3.1 tons
- Tin—5.3 tons
- #1 Plastic—3.3 tons
- #2 Plastic—5.1 tons
- Scrap Metal—19.4 tons
- Glass—88.2 tons
- Textiles—6.2 tons
- Electronics—11.9 tons

On behalf of your employees Kevin, Nate, Troy and myself, Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Wells
Transfer Station Manager

FRANCONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the Franconia Conservation Commission 2012 Season:

- The Commission participated in the Lafayette School Earth Day Celebration with representatives from the Town of Franconia.
- With the help of Garnet Hill Green Team, the trails in Fox Hill Park were cut back.
- With the help of Sam Johnk, Chris Collman and Jim Cavanaugh, wood chips were spread on the River Trail to help with erosion and make the trail easier to ride and walk
- With the help of Sam Johnk and Profile Middle School Project Venture class a bridge was built on the Gale River Trail.
- After walking the boundaries of Fox Hill Park with SPNHF it was determined that two landowners are encroaching on town land and are making efforts to clean this up. The park itself is well maintained.
- Woodsville Guaranty Bank donated \$250 toward the replacement of the bridge at Splude's Place.
- Participated on a dam fieldtrip with the Lafayette kindergarten class to view the habitat of beavers on Meadow Brook

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cowles, Chairman
John LaChapelle
Mary Grote
Kathryn McCarthy
Red McCarthy
Ginny Jeffries

ADVISORY FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Advisory Finance Committee did not meet on a regular schedule this year. However, members did participate in the Police Department Review Panel, Interview Board for Police Chief, and consulted with the Board of Selectmen on other topics during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Belz
Kim Cowles
Jack Kennedy
Jeff Woodward

PLANNING BOARD

In terms of new development activity within the Town, 2012 continued to be a relatively quiet year, with a number of informal discussions on minor development issues, but nothing major underway. The Planning Board continued its comprehensive review and update on the Town's zoning ordinance which will continue into 2013. At the beginning of the year, the Planning Board also reviewed and approved the 2012 CIP capital expenditure budget plan for the year 2012 and beyond.

The Planning Board in coordination with the Selectman was successful in finally securing a year round building inspector (Allan Clark) for the Town. This position will be responsible for providing review, approval and enforcement of building and development activities in the Town going forward, and is basically self-funded through the permitting process.

The Planning Board also met with the Town's Fire Chief, Rick Gaudette, to discuss and sort out the use of ponds and cisterns in support of fire fighting efforts. It was concluded that designated fire ponds, if properly designed and maintained, are a viable and often preferred alternative to cisterns. Going forward, the Town will be doing a review of it's designated fire ponds and possibly providing some funding for future maintenance, where needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Hesler
Planning Board, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, upon application, reviews and decides on alleged errors in administrative findings and grants variances to the Town's zoning ordinance to provide relief from hardship. The Board also has the authority to grant exceptions for use in keeping with certain provisions of the ordinance.

In 2012 the Zoning Board of Adjustment had no activity however the annual meeting was held in June to vote on the officers.

Respectfully submitted
Donald Lawton, Chairman

LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Lafayette Recreation Department has had another great year. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who made this happen.

The Old Home Day, Franconia Scramble, Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament, Pumpkin Festival, Wobble & Gobble 5k Road Race and the Summer Concert Series were all very successful, bringing people and revenue to our towns. We hope to improve upon all of the above and add new events when possible.

The ice skating has been very good and the rink is getting lots of use; Family Skate Night, birthday parties, after school activities, Lafayette Elementary School Winter Program, tourist, second home owners and local residents have all come out to play.

The rink received a fresh coat of paint, and nets for tennis and basketball. Thanks to the proceeds from the Top Notch Triathlon

There are abundant trails in the three towns and we are in a continuous process of inventorying, maintaining, mapping and making signs with trail information. We have organized a group of trail enthusiasts for this purpose, called the "Franconia Area Trails" group or FAT for short. A map is available at local stores. Anyone interested in adopting a trail should email recreation@franconianh.org

With the help of the Profile High School Project Venture Class, we built a bridge on the Gale River Trail and built new benches for the Dow Park.

Youth soccer, baseball, softball and basketball had excellent attendance and successes along the way. Thank you very much to all the coaches who give so much of their time to these programs and our kids.

Kris Kappler has done another outstanding job of organizing all the youth teams, and the summer program. Without her dedication and organizational skills our heads would spin. A good leader brings out the best in the staff and our team of recreation counselors proved just that.

The Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month the location to be announced. Check the Town website www.franconianh.org for more details, and check out www.lafayetterecreation@weebly.com for all kinds of fun.

Watch for next summer's schedule and participate in the "SNAP SHOT CHALLENGE." You'll find the pictures at www.franconianh.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Lafayette Committee Members

Franconia: Jeff Malcolm, Beth Horan & Adam Boyer

Sugar Hill: Gordie Johnk & Cindy McClaren

Easton: Sue Ford & Matt Koehler

Kris Kappler, Youth Program Director

Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director

FRANCONIA NOTCH REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2012 REPORT

The Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce thanks the residents, select boards and community staffs of our three towns for their continuing support of our chamber. Without this, we would be unable to accomplish our mission, goals and purpose in marketing our Franconia Notch Region and the villages in our western White Mountains. As with all entities in today's governance and economy, marketing and technology constantly change and operational costs rise accordingly. We continually assess our service area as well as our prominence in hospitality, tourism, and as the center of natural resources and history in our Western White Mountains.

2012 was a year of assessment and change. The attempt to operate a chamber office by converting the information booth to a welcome center and keeping it open year-round, proved to be an additional burden to carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the organization in serving its members, communities, guests and visitors. Storage space for our ever growing supply of brochures, rack cards and visitor guides became critical, while lessening the small working and production space. The lack of privacy and asset safety issues rose exponentially with the growth of membership, walk-in member and vendor contact, walk-up visitor service, access to financial records, computer programs-many which were verbally and visibly obvious to visitors, guests and locals when attending the window.

The Board of Directors made a decision to seek an affordable office space and hire a full time attendant for the information center for the high tourism season. Office space was offered at both ends of the village, but with no potential for visitor amenities or parking, and both further from the center of the village. A committee, chaired by volunteer Andy Smith, was formed to seek a space in the middle of Franconia Village where true welcome walk-in service could be provided with separate office space and restroom possibilities. Based on the statistics of visitor traffic and requests, an in-town presence provides visible answers to many questions regarding services and hospitality, and better directions to Routes 116, 117, scenic routes and loops and our sister villages, as well as keeping visitors on Main Street to support our local economy. We sought space that could provide respite amenities and internet service, if needed. The former flower Shop building belonging to Sherman Allen Inc. became available. After much planning and six months of negotiation between Mr. Allen and Andy Smith, the chamber proposal was summarily dismissed with the owner's decision to leave the property vacant. At the close of the fall season, the property at 320 Main Street became available for far less than proposed for the property across the street, and fit the same needs of improvement. Negotiations with the owner, Franconia Village Store, allow the same renovation plans proposed for the flower shop. Meanwhile, the office equipment has remained at the executive director's home under the same circumstances of the first two winters of employment. The onset of winter has delayed some of the moving, but we plan to be fully operational by mid-May for the 2013 tourist season.

We continue to keep the rack cards and bulletin board supplied at the "booth", as well as our display racks at Cannon Mountain Ski Area and the Tramway welcome center. The

Wi-Fi has been given to the Town of Franconia for ease of access by the locals and others from the parking lot.

The new location will have two internet service stations available for short time use by members, guests and visitors as necessary. The board of directors will be making a decision on the current information property, whether to attend it this coming season, make it available to the Town, or move it to 320 Main Street for outside brochure rack availability. The latter might be more feasible as the parking demands of the library and Town business continue to increase. Moving the inside racks and supplies from the booth have revealed some structural problems, but it still has a viable use.

The year has ended on a positive note with realistic goals for bigger and better. The communities will be better served, our membership will receive better benefits, and our visitors will have much to welcome them to our Franconia Notch Region. We continue our collaboration with our neighboring chambers and have planned joint events and marketing to promote our North Country. We have a new events committee that has planned new events to attract visitors and families here to enjoy, celebrate and support our hospitality economy (New Hampshire's Rooms & Meals tax). June will mark the 20th anniversary of the annual Lupine Festival, providing a special celebration for our towns.

The Chamber is grateful for the support from the communities, residents and our members. We can and will continue to promote our region's economic growth, provide superb hospitality and remain attentive stewards of our area's history and attractions with better tools to do so because of it.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Tortorice, President / Barbara Ashley, Executive Director
Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce

FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
January 2012 through December 2012

INCOME

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Brochure Ads | 5,525.00 |
| Business Discount Cards | 1,730.00 |
| Chamber Annual Dinner | 5,711.00 |
| Event Income | 405.00 |
| Lupine | 10,436.00 |
| Membership Dues | 35,159.75 |
| News Letter Ads | 336.25 |
| Public Mailer Ad | 150.00 |
| Town Contribution Income | 16,500.00 |
| Web Site Ads | 1,590.00 |
| Total Income | 77,543.00 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | |
| Events | 0.00 |
| Lupine Expenses | 13,320.46 |
| Chamber Annual Dinner Event | 4,480.90 |
| Gross Profit | 59,741.64 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Advertising | 17,296.82 |
| Bank Charges | 256.82 |
| Business Office | 1,066.75 |
| General Donations | 800.00 |
| Dues and Subscriptions | 136.00 |
| Insurance | 1,771.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 69.00 |
| Payroll Expenses | 39,056.05 |
| Petty Cash | 165.77 |
| Postage and Mailings | 326.98 |
| Professional Fees | 250.00 |
| Utilities | 2,479.49 |
| Welcome Center | 958.34 |
| Total Expense | 64,693.02 |
| Net Ordinary Income | -4,951.38 |

FROST PLACE
January through December 2012

INCOME

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| App Fee – Poet in Residence | 4,200.48 |
| Book Sales | 11,516.88 |
| Food – Room & Board Fees | 2,600.00 |
| Museum Admissions | 9,597.95 |
| Tuition | 93,613.31 |
| Fundraising | 82,652.46 |
| Miscellaneous | 9,080.26 |
| Sales | <u>3,499.39</u> |
| Total Income | 216,760.73 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Bank Service Charges | 1,517.99 |
| Board Expense | 525.43 |
| Building & Grounds | 8,310.96 |
| Consultant Services | 24,462.50 |
| Credit Card Merchant Fees | 425.98 |
| Dues and Subscriptions | 916.00 |
| Equipment | 43.78 |
| Food | 9,394.76 |
| Fundraising | 3,710.17 |
| Insurance | 4,510.30 |
| Lodging | 25,576.70 |
| Marketing | 16,296.80 |
| Merchandise | 6,740.53 |
| Miscellaneous | 3,403.57 |
| Office Supplies | 1,111.98 |
| Outreach Event Expenses | 1,046.83 |
| Payroll Expenses | 103,637.67 |
| Photocopying/Photography | 205.50 |
| Postage and Delivery | 610.28 |
| Program Discounts | 2,698.75 |
| Rent | 6,420.76 |
| Staff Development | 198.00 |
| Telephone | 1,435.20 |
| Travel | 2,085.51 |
| Utilities | <u>706.64</u> |
| Total Expense | 225,992.59 |

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| NET LOSS | (9,231.86) |
|-----------------|-------------------|

THE FROST PLACE 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

2012 has been a busy year for The Frost Place. Some of the many changes and accomplishments from the past twelve months are noted in this report.

- The Frost Place hired a new full-time assistant to the director, Sarah Audsley. Sarah relocated to Franconia from North Conway for the position and is committed to the community. She is passionate about education and is working on programs involving Abbie Greenleaf Library and local schools.
- The Board of Trustees and staff continued to follow its Strategic Plan. A primary focus of this new Plan is to strengthen the ties between The Frost Place and the local community. To that end, we have developed a collaborative relationship with The White Mountain School, participated in several Town of Franconia Recreation Department events, increased our participation in the Chamber of Commerce activities, and secured a grant that puts poets and teachers into local schools. During 2013 we will be hosting more community programs including some outside of the regular museum season, and we will seek additional funding for educational programs.
- More than 2,800 visitors - from around the globe - came to the Museum (and to the Franconia community), between Memorial Day and Columbus Day. These visitors patronized local businesses as well as The Frost Place.
- Several repairs have been made at The Frost Place this year including repairing leaks in the roof, replacing the front steps, updating the electrical systems in The Henry Holt Barn, repairing and painting the bathroom in the house, adding solar lights to the path from the parking lot to the poetry trail and barn, and other small repairs. Funding has been sought for larger repairs and renovations of the house.
- Since 1977, The Frost Place has awarded a Resident Poet Fellowship to allow a contemporary poet to live and work in the house for two months of the summer. This year, The Frost Place Writer in Residence was Paula Bohince. Ms. Bohince was able to live in the Frost House over the summer months writing and offering readings. Paula Bohince is the author of two poetry collections, both from Sarabande: *The Children* (2012) and *Incident at the Edge of Bayonet Woods* (2008). Her poems have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Poetry*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, *Poetry London*, and *The Yale Review*. She has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Amy Clampitt Trust, and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, as well as the 'Discovery'/The Nation Award and the Amy Lowell Poetry Traveling Scholarship. She lives in Pennsylvania. Paula gave a well-received reading at the Abbie Greenleaf Library.
- Memorial Benches
Three granite memorial benches were placed along the poetry trail. The benches were dedicated in memory of Sydney Lea, Bessie Neill, and Dorothy Bordenave.

- Gala Concert by the White Mountain Flute Conservatory
The Frost Place provided a venue in the Henry Holt Barn to the White Mountain Flute Conservatory for a master class and concert. They performed a concert to benefit The Frost Place on Friday, July 27th.

THE FROST PLACE PROGRAMS 2012

- The Frost Place Summer programs continued with an overall increase in the number of participants.
- Conference on Poetry and Teaching
This June 24 – 28th, The Frost Place held our annual conference, which trains teachers to effectively integrate poetry into their own curricula. 21 teachers attended the conference, traveling from across the country to spend a full week on-site at The Frost Place. As a group, they learned to use interactive poetry/literacy activities in their respective classrooms. In 2013 there will be an addition to the Conference on Poetry and Teaching, Teachers as Writers. As an extension of the Conference on Poetry and Teaching, The Frost Place will be including a new workshop to directly follow the CPT, on June 27-28th, 2013. The Frost Place Teachers as Writers is an intensive day and a half session for classroom teachers who want to focus on their own writing and revision practices. The workshop is limited to participants who have already attended the CPT.
- Festival and Conference on Poetry
From July 15 to July 21st, 2012, The Frost Place hosted our Festival. The Festival is an intense “poetry camp” that includes workshops, readings, and discussions. Instructors included Festival Director Martha Rhodes, as well as respected poets Christopher Bursk, Cynthia Cruz, Vievee Francis, James Allen Hall, and Daniel Tobin. Our 2012 Poetry Fellow was Stephen Motika, author of two poetry collections and Visiting Artist/Scholar at the College for Creative Studies.
- Advanced Seminar
The Advanced Seminar, August 8 – 13th, invited study in a specialized program by 18 poets. Instructors this year included director, Patrick Donnelly; Reginald Dwayne Betts; and Diane Seuss, as well as special guests Ellen Bryant Voigt and Cleopatra Mathis.
- Frost in the Air
Over the summer, we continued the “Frost in the Air” program, which invites local community members to directly participate in poetry readings at The Frost Place. At the start of on-site readings by contemporary poets, individuals from the community were invited to read their favorite Frost poems from the podium. Reading alongside guest poets and faculty, community members not only enjoyed the transformative experience of reading in Robert Frost’s own barn, they were also able to connect with contemporary poets and serve as ambassadors of the local community to the visiting writers, teachers, and poets.

- Frost Day
Established in 1979 by official act of former New Hampshire Governor Hugh Gallen, this event is held every July in celebration of the life and work of Robert Frost. This year the event was on July 8th, the 33rd annual Frost Day. Kay Morgan, Evan Hammond, Baron Wormser, and Paula Bohince gave presentations and readings.
- The Frost Symposium with Lesley Lee Francis, Robert Frost’s granddaughter.
The Frost Place hosted Robert Frost’s granddaughter, Lesley Lee Francis on September 8th. Many Frost scholars came from all over to hear Lesley Lee Francis speak about her grandfather and discuss the life and work of Robert Frost.
- White Mountain School Class at The Frost Place
A group of White Mountain School English students came to The Frost place for a poetry class taught by Maudelle Driskell.
- Robert Frost Lecture at the AMC Highland Center
On September 22nd, Maudelle gave a lecture at the Appalachian Mountain Club’s Highland Center facility on Robert Frost and his deep connection to the White Mountain landscape.
- Frost in the Schools
On November 7th, as part of a grant-funded program with the goal of poetry educational outreach programs in local schools, Dawn Potter, poet, author, and teacher, visited Profile High School. She taught 250 students.

Also, on December 14th, Erin Sweeney of Profile brought her senior poetry elective class to walk the poetry trail, read the posted poems for “found poetry” ideas, and talk about imagery.

The Frost Place hopes to continue and to expand this program in 2013.
- The Frost Place is truly a community place - it is part of the Franconia area community - as was Robert Frost when he lived here in the early 20th century, and it continues because of the generosity and passion of community members dedicated to keeping it alive! We cannot continue our good work without the support of both the local community and the wider, international poetry audience. The Frost Place is dependent on a community-wide effort to keep going and we are fortunate to have some special friends engaged in this effort:
- Dan Fowler has provided ongoing support as our volunteer “caretaker,” keeping a close eye on the Museum throughout the year.
- Patti & David Schaffer generously funded the gardening services that kept the flower bed in front of the Museum in tip top shape from spring through fall.
- Anita & Bob Craven housed our summer interns, giving them a warm home away from home.

- Toy Garfield lent her talents to the interior of the house and spent time cleaning, painting, and making the house a more comfortable place for the Poet in Residence to live.
- Tom Devin donated his services as an electrician, repairing several critical electrical issues in the house and at the Museum.
- Dana Blais has provided much support and advice regarding the landscape and care of trees at The Frost Place.

We continue to be grateful to all of the area volunteers and businesses who support The Frost Place with generous contributions of their time and their financial resources!

Respectfully submitted by,
Maudelle Driskell, Executive Director
Sarah Audsley, Assistant to the Director

**FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL
AND
FRANCONIA HERITAGE MUSEUM**

President's Summary for 2011-2012

The Franconia Heritage Museum had 255 visitors who signed our guest book from November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012. The Iron Furnace Interpretive Center had over a thousand visitors. Visitors came from 19 states other than New Hampshire and seven other countries. During the past year the Board sponsored the events listed below and did a major cleaning of the sheds and barns as well as updating the Recreation Exhibit. The Board has also continued to oversee and maintain the Museum building and the Iron Furnace Interpretive Center.

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|-------------------------|---|
| December 2011 | Gift Shop Open 4 Saturdays before Christmas Annual Christmas Open House/Music by Charles Micciche |
| February 2012 | Hosted Skating Party in conjunction with the Friends of the Abbie Greenleaf Library Book Sale |
| Feb. to May 2012 | Board spent most Wednesdays cleaning out the sheds and barns and refurbishing the Recreation Exhibit |
| May 2012 | Annual volunteer reception and orientation Opened for the season Friday of Memorial Day Weekend |
| May to Oct. 2012 | Museum open Fridays and Saturdays 1-4 pm from Memorial Day to Halloween |
| June 2012 | Plant Sale first weekend of Fields of Lupine Festival Organized and sponsored Second Annual Open Air Market on the Dow Field during the last weekend of the Fields of Lupine Festival |
| July 2012 | Provided a gathering point for Veterans participating in the July 4 th Parade and created parade float earning Best Overall award Hosted Rebecca Rule at Town Hall for an evening of laughter and education |
| August 2012 | Visited Sugar Hill Museum. "Behind the Scenes" tour provided inspiration for major over-haul of our collection storage |
| September 2012 | Fall Plant Sale |

October 2012

Taylor House gathering to thank board members and volunteers
Closed for the Season Halloween weekend

November 2012

Annual Meeting and Dinner held at the Dutch Treat.
Gift Shop opened four Saturdays for third year.

Board members published two newsletters and performed Spring and Fall cleanups. This past year, the catalog file of the Museum collection was reorganized and updated. We now have current computer and hard copies. Board members and the Heritage Council have contributed to the maintenance of the building by staining the porches and wooden landing into the barn. The Iron Furnace Interpretive Center has benefited from the new stack owners keeping the greenery cut down.

The Franconia Area Heritage Council thanks the citizens of the Town of Franconia for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Heinemann, President
Franconia Area Heritage Council
Board of Directors

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Saving Energy and Tax Dollars

Key Town Buildings Wasting Energy and Money

Energy audits, funded by ARRA money, of Town Hall, the Safety Services Building, and the Highway Garage, finalized in early 2011, showed that energy was being wasted through inefficiencies and excessive heat loss. In the Spring of 2012, the Franconia Energy Commission, appointed by the Board of Selectmen late in 2011, (see the Franconia Website), together with Elmer Arbogast, the Energy Auditor, created a project plan for remediation of the primary energy problems with those buildings in order to apply for a CDFA loan and grant. The application was unsuccessful, but the study made it clear that an investment of building maintenance funds would pay for itself through energy savings in about seven years. The plan was approved by the Selectmen and, in turn, at a special Town Meeting on August 8, 2012. At a total cost of \$59,600 (partly paid in 2013) the project was essentially completed before year end 2012.

The Mittersill Firehouse has been used only for equipment storage in recent years. Last summer, it was determined that by moving two water pumps to the Town Hall garage area, the Mittersill Firehouse heat could be turned off for the year. Turned off it was (it can be reactivated in emergency), and should save the Town more than 1,100 gallons of fuel oil this winter.

The Energy Usage Table

The table on the next page shows the energy used by the Town from mid 2011 to mid 2012. This choice of fiscal year for energy measurement is like that used by the schools, and as an annual usage figure, is more accurate than the calendar year that begins and ends near the peak of the heating season. The right hand column shows the fuel gallons used, whether they be fuel oil, Diesel oil, liquid propane, or gasoline. This measure of gallons used is needed to keep track of annual energy savings. The biggest variable in all this is the annual variability of the cost of crude oil. Next year we will republish the gallons used in this table to compare with those used from mid 2012 to mid 2013, so you can check out the fuel savings resulting from the 2012 projects.

Streetlights

The Board of Selectmen has expressed interest in LED street lighting. LED lights have distinct advantages over the Town's already efficient high pressure sodium (HPS) lights, but not likely enough ongoing cost advantage to justify the expense of the changeover. As the technology continues its rapid change, however, this could soon become a different story. The Energy Commission will follow it closely.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Cook, Kim Cowles, Mogens Jessen, Mark Prell, Bob Tortorice

FRANCONIA TOWN ENERGY
7/1/11 - 6/30/12

| | Expenses Electricity | Fuel | Total | Fuel Gallons |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Town Hall | \$1,516 | \$7,527 | \$9,043 | 2203 |
| Safety Services Building | \$3,245 | \$6,710 | \$9,955 | 1946 |
| Highway Garage | \$1,309 | \$6,392 | \$7,701 | 1756 |
| Town Vehicles & Machines | | | | |
| Buildings & Grounds | | \$4,892 | \$4,892 | 1617 |
| Police | | \$9,903 | \$9,903 | 3145 |
| Fire Department | | \$1,292 | \$1,292 | 393 |
| Life Squad | | \$1,480 | \$1,480 | 446 |
| Highway | | \$18,465 | \$18,465 | 5325 |
| Abbie Greenleaf Library | \$2,540 | \$3,914 | \$6,454 | 1140 |
| Transfer Station | \$2,056 | \$2,909 | \$4,965 | 831 |
| Mittersill Firehouse | \$1,208 | \$4,013 | \$5,221 | 1171 |
| Maintenance Garage | \$550 | \$1,280 | \$1,830 | 415 |
| Skating Rink | \$580 | \$857 | \$1,437 | 288 |
| Dow Clock | \$301 | | \$301 | |
| Dow Field | \$214 | | \$214 | |
| Cemetery Utility Shed | \$214 | | \$214 | |
| Water System | \$11,488 | | \$11,488 | |
| Streetlights | \$20,794 | | \$20,794 | |
| Total Municipal | \$46,015 | \$69,634 | \$115,649 | 20676 |
| Lafayette School | \$17,303 | \$22,267 | \$39,570 | 6673 |
| Profile School | \$26,225 | \$16,315 | \$42,540 | 5035 |
| Total Schools (Busses not included) | \$43,528 | \$38,582 | \$82,110 | 11708 |
| Total Franconia | \$89,543 | \$108,216 | \$197,759 | 32384 |

The Franconia Energy Commission was unable to determine the energy used to bus Franconia's school children.

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2012**

| Date & Place Of Birth | Name Of Child | Name Of Father & Mother |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| February 3, 2012 Littleton, NH | Charlotte Lynn Clifford | Patrick Clifford Rachel Crowe |
| February 22, 2012 Littleton, NH | Will Theodore Stone | Karl Stone Elizabeth Stone |
| March 9, 2012 Littleton, NH | Keegan Thomas Cloutier | Christopher Cloutier Virginia Cloutier |
| May 10, 2012 Littleton, NH | Olive Mae Moody | Brian Moody Stefanie Moody |
| November 19, 2012 Littleton, NH | Sophia Theresa Hersey | Alan Hersey Samantha Hubbard |

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2012**

| Date & Place Of Marriage | Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride | Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage |
|---|--|--|
| August 18, 2012 Franconia, NH | Olivier D. Lefebvre Logan F. Fitzpatrick | Burzet, France Franconia, NH |

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2012**

| Date & Place Of Death | Name & Surname Of Deceased | Name & Surname Of Father | Maiden Name Of Mother |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| February 6, 2012 Littleton, NH | Ester Morrow | Erik Pettersson | Helga Svensson |
| February 8, 2012 Littleton, NH | Natalie Carbonaro | Walter Daniell | Dorothy Currier |
| March 19, 2012 Franconia, NH | Herbert Cox | Sydney Cox | Georgianna Unkown |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| April 13, 2012 Littleton, NH | Joseph Lloyd, Sr. | Harry Lloyd | Madeline Ednier |
| May 4, 2012 Campton, NH | George Roorbach | George Roorbach | Anne Hubble |
| May 6, 2012 Franconia, NH | Dorothy Price | Owen Muldoon | Mary McDonald |
| May 9, 2012 Franconia, NH | Bernice Pinckney | Harold Carbee | Della Ladd |
| June 7, 2012 Franconia, NH | Jacqueline Armstrong | Robert Gillies | Cora Campbell |
| June 26, 2012 Franconia, NH | Elizabeth Ball | William Nason | Nellie Fortier |
| August 7, 2012 Littleton, NH | Barbara Leydon | William O'Brien | Mary Cuning |
| September 2, 2012 Whitefield, NH | John Angerame | John Angerame | Anita Hoerner |
| October 10, 2012 Franconia, NH | Lucille Parker | Guy Smith | Lelia Hanks |
| October 15, 2012 Franconia, NH | Margaret Badger | John Kollarek | Kady Hohol |
| October 31, 2012 Franconia, NH | Dolores Klumbach | Richard Lyman | Lena Comer |
| November 12, 2012 Franconia, NH | Regina Knights | William Lavoice, Sr. | Annie Gallagher |
| December 5, 2012 Franconia, NH | Sheila Jesseman | Ray Aldrich | Irma Heath |
| December 24, 2012 Franconia, NH | Warren Martin | David Martin | Ethel Stevens |
| December 27, 2012 Franconia, NH | James Badger, Sr. | Ernest Badger | Elizabeth Day |
| December 30, 2012 Franconia, NH | Walter Morse | Gardner Morse | Mildred Allen |
| December 31, 2012 Franconia, NH | Elizabeth Bean | Unknown/Unknown | Unknown/Unknown |

NOTES

Budget Highlights

2012

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In accordance with State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenue Administration regulations, the \$52,836.27 will roll over into the Town's assigned fund balance to mitigate future risks and to ensure stable tax rates.

In October when the tax rate was set, the Board of Selectmen decided to use \$50,000.00 of the surplus to help reduce the tax rate, leaving the town with a retained surplus balance of \$642,261.00 and a tax rate of \$15.92 per \$1,000.00 of valuation, a reduction of \$.37 versus 2012.

2013

There is a 7.2% increase in the proposed budget vs. the appropriated 2012 budget.

The proposed 2013 budget reflects an 11.5% increase over actual 2012 expenditures.

Why the increase?

1. Health insurance costs are up 7.5% or \$65,654.47. Employees pay 50% of any increase and depending on their individual plan; pay approximately 28.5% of the total costs. Health Insurance premiums total \$269,089.44. Employees will pay \$76,757.12 and the Taxpayers will pay the balance of \$192,332.32.
2. Our employees are receiving a Cost of Living increase of 1.7% or a total of \$10,156.46 in 2013.
3. Property and Liability insurance are up 6%, or \$1,951.00.
4. Estimated increased cost of Police Retirement Contributions is \$7,200.00. (4.2%)
5. Highway Department road maintenance and repair materials have increase as follows: gravel \$10,000.00, chloride \$5,000.00, and sand \$8,000.00.
6. As we enter the data verification stage in the property revaluation process, required by the state statute, there is an increase of \$10,000.00.
7. CIP Projects have been increased 39% over the 2012 Plan, to included road improvements \$ 60,000.00, Library steps/sidewalk repair \$ 15,000.00, Town Building & Maintenance Fund \$ 15,000.00, and Highway Trucks \$ 15,750.00.

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Cooley-Jericho Community Forest

Frequently Asked Questions

Community Owned • Locally Controlled • Conserved Forever

Overview: Easton, Sugar Hill, Franconia, and Landaff have an exceptional opportunity to invest in the creation of an 840-acre Cooley-Jericho Community Forest in Easton, to be owned locally and managed by the residents of these four communities. Sugar Hill and Franconia have committed \$5,000 each from their Conservation Funds and Landaff and Easton will consider appropriations at Town Meeting. At all four Town Meetings residents will be asked to authorize their select boards to appoint a representative to the Forest governing group. Town investment, essential in the creation of a community forest, will be used for stewardship and management of the land.

Select Board members and volunteers from Easton and Sugar Hill, plus individuals from Franconia, Bethlehem, Landaff, and Lisbon have been working with the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT) for over a year on the project.

Where is the land?

The property encompasses 840 acres in the northwest corner of Easton, sharing boundaries with Sugar Hill and Landaff. Highlighted by the prominent ridgelines of Cole Hill and Cooley Hill, this upland forest is one of the highest-elevation and largest privately-owned properties in the western White Mountains. It is spectacularly beautiful and rugged, with stunning views. It is accessible from Dyke Road, Trumpet Round Road, and Jericho Road in Sugar Hill, and from Jim Noyes Hill Road in Landaff. It may also be reached from the Jericho Trail on Route 116 in Easton.

What is a Community Forest?

A community forest is a permanently protected tract of land, owned and managed by local residents through their towns for the benefit of the local community. It can be owned by a single town, a group of towns, or a community-based organization like ACT. The high level of citizen participation in management and the permanent protection of the land distinguish the Community Forest from the traditional Town Forest, common throughout New England.

What are the benefits for the towns?

Immediate benefits from the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest would include:

- A highly attractive conserved property, **open for public use now and forever**
- **Tax savings** from the avoided costs of community services if this land were developed (road maintenance, emergency services, schools)
- A **scenic backdrop** for Sugar Hill, Landaff, Lisbon, Easton, and Franconia, preserved as a prominent ridgeline, forested by day and etched in darkness into the night sky
- **Prime wildlife habitat**, conserved and open for hunting
- **Recreational trails**, available for residents and visitors
- A natural venue, an attraction to which area **inns and hotels** may direct guests, including those who ride horses, go mountain biking, skiing, and hiking – it's a great place for families
- A **locally managed recreational area** that reinforces other parks and venues in the region
- An ideal **outdoor classroom** for local students, and its management will be used as for ongoing workshops and education for local landowners interested in good land stewardship for wildlife, recreation, and timber income

In the long term, cash will flow back to the towns as timber is harvested. Towns will receive revenue proportionate to the dollar amount that each invests in the project over time.

Who gets to use the land?

We all do. Purchasing the land will guarantee that the land will be open for public recreation forever, and the management will be local. Protections for the land, will be specified in a Conservation Easement, held by the New England Forestry Foundation. This Easement will:

- Guarantee public recreational access
- Ensure that the property can never be developed
- Ensure that wildlife habitat and water quality will be protected

Timber will be cut as a source of municipal income to the participating towns, and for the stewardship of the forest. The property will be open to recreation including hiking, snowshoeing, hunting, horseback riding, backcountry skiing, mountain biking, and wildlife observation.

What about using snowmobiles or ATVs on the land?

A state snowmobile trail runs near the property. Depending on local interest, extending a loop through the forest may be considered, depending on topographic, wildlife, and habitat conditions. The Planning Committee has not heard from anyone proposing ATV access, and would have to consider whether ATV use would be compatible with the land and under what conditions. The conservation easement will require that streams, wetlands and water quality be protected, so any ATV use (as well as other recreational use) must not cause erosion or stream bank damage.

How would ACT ownership and community management work?

ACT will own the land on behalf of the participating towns as a taxable property (ACT pays property taxes on all land it owns). A governing committee will be formed of representatives of the participating towns, ACT, and user groups such as mountain bikers, hunters, backcountry skiers, adjacent landowners, horseback riders, and educators. The governing committee will create a Community Forest Management Plan, with guidelines for recreational use, trail building, experiential learning, forest management, property maintenance, ensuring the flow of benefits to the communities.

Why doesn't ACT simply own it without town participation?

Because this is proposed as a Community Forest, ACT and our partners on the Forest Planning Committee believe that this land is so important regionally that it should be treated as a community-wide project, rather than a single town or a single organization project. ACT sought funding on that basis, and **this project was ranked #1 in the country** by the U.S. Forest Service. ACT has also received support from highly competitive state funding sources, on the promise of creating a community forest.

How much will it cost to manage the land?

Basic annual stewardship costs are estimated at \$2,500 for taxes, liability insurance, and required monitoring/recordkeeping. A fund will be established to help cover these annual costs. The landowner has pledged \$25,000 to that fund. Additional costs may include trail building, boundary line maintenance, interpretive signs, parking lot construction and maintenance, education and outreach, website, financial accounting and reporting, and fundraising. Some of this work will be done by volunteers, some covered by grants and donations, and some may be contracted to ACT or another service provider. Town tax rates would not be affected.

What is the status of negotiations to buy the land?

ACT, a nationally accredited land conservation organization based in Bethlehem and serving the North Country, has a signed contract, contingent on successful fund raising, to buy the property at the price of \$600,000 (\$714/acre), well below the appraised fair market value of \$730,000 (\$869/acre), making this a bargain sale. The closing deadline is June 30, 2013.

ACT has raised the \$600,000 for purchase of the property itself.

Under the terms of the purchase contract, another \$50,000 must be in hand by closing in order to meet immediate operational and management needs of the project, including an updated federal appraisal, natural resources inventory, management plan, legal work, environmental due diligence, boundary line blazing, and related costs. Town and private contributions are needed to reach this goal.

What happens if ACT and the communities do not purchase the land?

The current landowners, who are of retirement age, want to sell the land. They have engineered it for a large-lot subdivision and have also proposed it for a wind farm. This land will most assuredly be lost to the public for recreation and as timberland if it goes on the market and is sold for such development purposes.

Why should we be excited about the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest?

Residents of Easton, Sugar Hill, Landaff and Franconia have a once in a lifetime opportunity to commit a large, high quality piece of northern forest with significant view shed, recreational, and timber management benefits for the good of generations to come. It would be a landmark event in the conservation of New England's prized natural setting, and a long-term economic investment in the sustainability of our towns.

For more information contact:

Rebecca Brown, Executive Director, Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, 107 Glessner Road, Bethlehem NH 03574 603-823-7777
rbrown@aconservaiontrust.org www.townforest.org www.aconservationtrust.org

TOWN HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

823-7752

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| DAILY | 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS (Monday) | 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. |

TOWN CLERK'S/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

823-5237

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| MONDAY | 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. |
| | 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY | 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY | 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |

PLANNING BOARD

823-7752

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|---|------------------------|
| MONDAY (2nd and last of each month) | 7:30 p.m. |
| THURSDAY (office hours) | 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. |

TRANSFER STATION

823-5311

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| MONDAY | 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | CLOSED |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY | CLOSED |
| FRIDAY | 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. |
| SATURDAY | 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. |
| SUNDAY | 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. |

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

823-8424

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MONDAY | 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY (November - April) | 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY (May - October) | 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| | 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| FRIDAY | 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| SATURDAY | 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |

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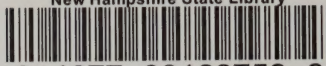
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